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What's Going On?
In town See what's happening locally this weekend by checking out Northville's official events calendar. Page 18A.

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Lloyd W. Fox, 81

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What about us?

Residents speak out about proposed 'Highwood' development

By Maureen Johnston and Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITERS

An island of quiet forest and abandoned buildings located at the center of Northville Township has for nearly two decades been a sleeping giant to surrounding neighborhoods.

But sale of the state-owned 414-acre hospital site threatens a rude awakening and a vastly different future for nearby residents whose homes dot the area.

"When it was first starting up, everyone was excited," said Richard Storm, 67, who views the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital's water tower from his Waterfall Road driveway.

"We've had so many false starts," he said, mimicking a familiar development anthem he's heard during the years: "Someone's going to purchase the land."

The state's acceptance of the bid by Bloomfield Hills-based Real Estate Interest Group, Inc. and Southfield-based Schostak Brothers is a large-scale wake-up call trumpeting imminent commercial and residential development.

As the giant stirs to life, neighbors on the north side of Seven Mile Road and in thousands of subdivision homes to the south are wary of what happens next: fallen woodlands, voluminous traffic and impending commotion.

Their biggest fear: they can do little more than watch.

Location, location, location

Just east of Northville Road, a turn northbound off Six Mile Road eases motorists into a series of subdivisions, each an oasis of pristine lawns, curvy concrete streets and spacious homes. The families who live there are close to freeways, attend parades in a quaint downtown and send their kids to esteemed Northville Public Schools.

In the 1980s and 90s, former farm land gave way to developments with colloquial names like Lakes of Northville, Maple Hill, Northville Trails and Parkstone. A new wave of Northville Township residents began raising kids on streets named Winchester, Cameron and Coachwood.

The white-collar crowd that



For 15 years, Northville Trails resident Linda Wagner has lived in a home buffering the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Soon, she may be exchanging a power plant and smokestacks for subdivisions and cut-through traffic.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

selected brick, paint and shingle colors paid little attention to the absentee landlord on the other side of the nearby forest — the State of Michigan.

Then in 2003, residents watched the Seven Mile Road hospital disperse patients and staff. The building hit the auction block. Suddenly, the thick line of trees they'd viewed in their back yards was at risk.

No one knows yet exactly what's coming, and when.

"If we all had our way, it would be just homes," Storm said. "But, that's not practical."

"I guess I just put my faith in the township officials who are policing it."

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Home fires burning

No one hurt as three township homes destroyed during Monday afternoon blaze

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

No one was injured Monday after fire blazed through three homes in the Stonewater Subdivision on Six Mile Road near Beck.

With temperatures near 92 degrees and winds blowing at about 20 mph, crews from the Northville Township Fire Department were assisted by the city of Livonia, Plymouth community and city of Northville fire departments.

The call came in around 3:19 p.m. According to township officials, the fire is believed to have originated in a home under construction on Parkshore Court, bordering Parkshore Lake.

The home was situated between two

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"A gas leak has been ruled out."

William Zhemdak
Fire Chief, Northville Township Fire Department

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record
City of Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen walks past the still-smoldering remains of one of three homes that burned Monday afternoon in the Stonewater subdivision, near Beck and Six Mile roads.



Election probe continues

20th District House race muddled by ongoing mailing controversy

By Tony Bruscatto
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

The Plymouth Historical Museum's Board of Directors is hoping to complete an internal probe this week into whether the non-profit museum illegally allowed 20th House District Republican candidate Beth Stewart to use its bulk mail permit to send campaign materials.

The director and museum have come under pressure from supporters of

Republican Mark Abbo of Northville Township, one of five Republicans running for the 20th House seat nomination in the Aug. 8 primary.

They claim the museum improperly allowed Stewart — the museum's 17-year executive director who has been on leave since June 1 — to use the bulk mail stamp, as well as display campaign materials during a book signing June 12 by former Gov. William Milliken.

If true, the Plymouth Historical Museum could face the loss of its non-profit 501(c)(3) status.

The board of directors last week hired David Thoms of Miller-Canfield, who has legal expertise in IRS tax laws and U.S. Postal Service regulations. Thoms

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Shared services

Aug. 8 millage request features three services

Part of a series reviewing the upcoming Aug. 8 millage election for public safety and shared services in Northville Township.

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Traci Sincock believes in the services provided to the community by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department, senior adult services and youth assistance programs.

The director of Northville Parks and Recreation said residents of both Northville Township and the City of Northville benefit from the community services provided in the community.

"We need parks and recreations because parks increase real estate

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We choose:

Record endorsements

This week, the Northville Record publishes its endorsements for the Aug. 8 election. Page 16A.

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What in the blazes?

FIRE: Officials still searching for cause of Monday afternoon home fires

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occupied dwellings," said Chip Snider, Northville Township manager. "Due to the multiple units involved, there was an immediate request for mutual aid ... the fire spread to both homes and a fourth home was saved."

Snider said police and fire units were on the scene until 9 p.m. Monday night and continued investigations Tuesday.

"This is one of the largest residential fires in recent history for Northville Township," he said. "At this point, we're focusing on an accidental cause for fire."

Northville Township Police Chief John Werth said he believes the fire was not arson.

"The investigation is ongoing and the police department is working with the fire department to determine the cause."

Northville Township Fire Chief William Zmenda said yesterday early conjecture that the fire was caused by a gas leak is unfounded.

"A gas leak has been ruled out," he said.

Snider said the occupied homeowners are currently sifting through the rubble for their belongings.

"As far as their plans for the immediate future, they have not been determined," he said.

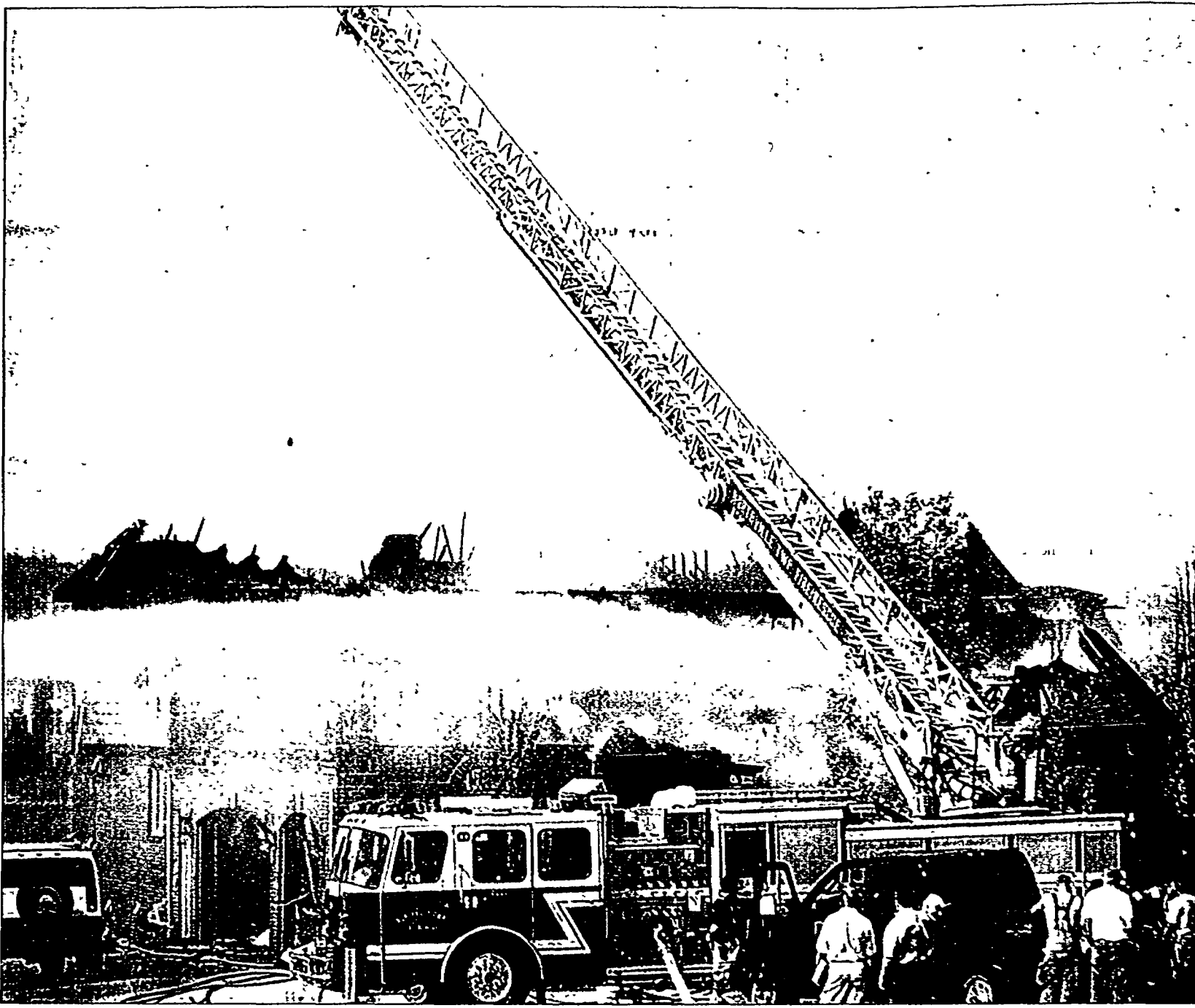


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

A Northville Township Fire Department ladder truck sprays water on one of three structures that burned Monday afternoon in the Stonewater subdivision near Beck and Six Mile roads. Two homes and a home under construction were burned. Firefighters from Northville, Northville Township and Plymouth Township responded to the fire. As of yesterday, no cause had been determined.

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Man (riding) on a mission

Northville resident cycling 300 miles for Make-A-Wish

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Bryan Mitchell is going to pedal and click 300 miles next week.

The photojournalist is embarking on a grueling fund-raising bike trip, and he's taking his children, Max, 2, and Macey, 3, on a camping trip at the end of it.

He knows not all families are so lucky.

From July 27-30, the Northville resident will travel eight hours a day during the 19th annual Wish-A-Mile 300 Bicycle Tour. The event raises money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, which grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

"I think Make-A-Wish does a great thing," Mitchell said. "They help kids who have terminal illnesses."

"Sometimes they grant their last wish."

As a photojournalist

Mitchell said he is better able to give sweat than money for a cause.

Want to pledge?

To donate toward Bryan Mitchell's 300-mile bike tour to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit <http://wishmich.kintera.org/WAM/bryanmitchell>.

"I don't have a lot of money to give — I would rather do something," he said. "These are the only two things I really know how to do."

The 39-year-old former Northville Record staff photographer has been racing mountain bikes for the past 10 years.

"I'm excited, but it is going to be a challenge for me this year," said Mitchell, who at peak condition traveled 20 miles per hour. "I'm behind on my training — I'm hoping to finish each day in eight hours."

"That's just a long time to be on a bike."

During the Wish-A-Mile tour, Mitchell will photograph from the bikers' perspective traveling from Traverse City to Chelsea, donating the images to the host founda-

"They can actually get away from being sick for a while and go have some fun."

Bryan Mitchell
Make-A-Wish Foundation volunteer

tion for use in marketing and promotional materials.

In 2005, the bike tour raised more than \$775,000 for sick children. Foundation officials reported that the average cost of making a child's wish come true is \$8,000.

To grant 100 wishes, each rider is asked to solicit pledges of \$650 toward this year's goal of \$800,000.

At the end of last week, Mitchell said he was almost halfway to that goal.

As a fellow parent

Mitchell said he and his wife, Alice, took their children last week to Northville's carnival for cotton candy. They will take them camping when Mitchell completes his bike trip.

"I've been a photojournalist for nearly 19 years," he said. "We've always done stories on sick children, kids dying."

"Now, that I'm a parent, I'm grateful that my kids are healthy."

Mitchell said he knows that agencies are available to help families of terminally ill children with medical expenses. He was drawn to the Make-A-Wish cause because they took that compassion a step further.

"They can actually get away from being sick for a while and go have some fun," he said. "I like that part of it."

"Let the kid be a kid for that little time they're able to."

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Bryan Mitchell, 39, has been racing dirt bikes for 10 years.

ENGAGEMENTS



Parker-Simon

Craig and Linda Parker of Novi, announce the engagement of their daughter Erin Parker to Eric Simon, son of Sandra and Russell Simon of Toronto, Ontario.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently a product development engineer for Printpack Inc. in Williamsburg, Va.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of the University of Waterloo and is currently a director of business development at Capitol One in Richmond, Va.

A spring 2007 wedding is planned.



Dima-Mason

Lucian Dima of Bucharest, Romania, announces the engagement of his daughter, Princesa Valerica Valerica Dima to Robert William York Mason, son of Robert Mason and Cyndell Mason of Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Natalia Dima. She is currently employed as a real estate developer.

The groom-elect is a 1997 graduate of Lakehead University, a 2000 graduate of Madonna University and 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan.

He earned an Executive MBA from the University of Michigan and is employed as a Daimler Chrysler Engineering Manager.

A September 2006 wedding is planned.



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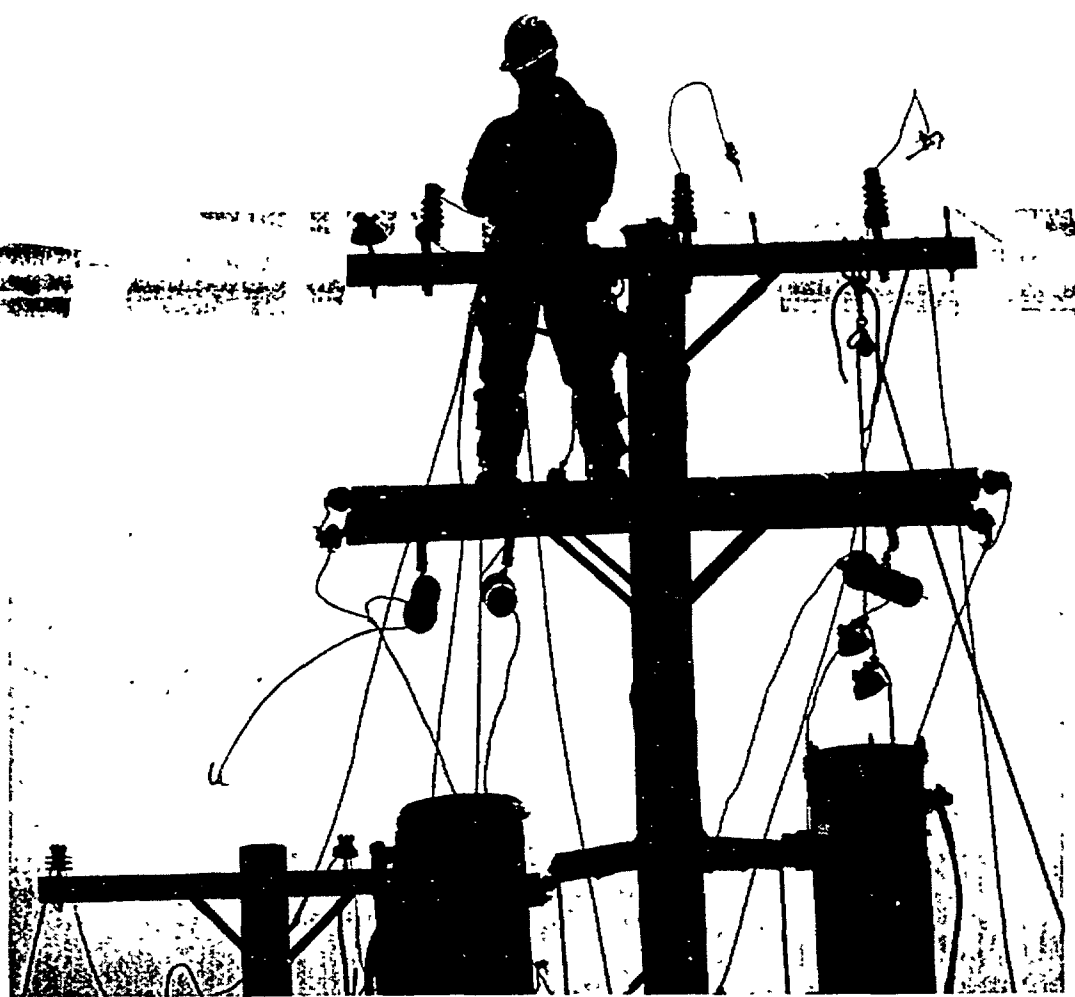
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Still time to tee up for Optimists annual golf outing fund-raiser

With a week and counting, 50 tickets remain for the Northville Chamber of Commerce's July 25 Grub Crawl. Don't miss it! Twelve restaurants will be serving up samples from 6-10 p.m., while 300 crawlers are shuttled free from downtown and around the township. Pick up \$35 tickets at the chamber office, Good Time Party Store and Gardenviews.

More news you can use out of city hall ... don't let Santa Claus — you know, those white floaty things — gum up your air conditioner during hot days. City staffers were overheard discussing the importance of spraying your exterior condenser unit with the garden hose to keep it clear for air circulation ...

Speaking of being hot ... it's never too soon to start thinking about what you'll be wearing when the Victorian Festival returns to town. Northville Chamber of Commerce party organizer Janet Bloom hosted the first organizational meeting last week to get the volunteer committees rolling on the annual event, the brainchild of past chamber president Laurie Marrs 18 years ago! Put Sept. 15-17 on your calendar ...

And where to find those fancy duds ... the week prior to the festival there will be a Victorian clothing sale at Mill Race Historical Village. Details to follow in future Northville Record issues. If you want to get a jump on the gown selec-



In Northville
It's always something

tion, past sale vendor Renee said she has 70 vintage gowns available this year. Call her at (248) 347-4977.

Beth Stewart, candidate for the 20th District state representative seat being vacated by her term-limited husband, came to Northville for her latest campaign piece, smiling in photos with supporters Bruce Turnbull, Mike and Betty Allen, and Kings Mill residents Ruth Jacobs and Connie Schacht. But did they ask her how she would pay for the flier to be mailed?...

And speaking of the 20th District race, check your local Comcast and WOW! cable listings. Representatives from the League of Women Voters, who hosted a candidate forum at Plymouth City Hall last Thursday, said the two-hour question-and-answer event will be cable cast prior to the Aug. 8

primary election.

What a setting! George Dimopoulos is successfully courting patrons with his patio dining, beautiful view and live music at the Senate Coney Island Restaurant on Dun Rovin Drive. Last Saturday, Van Morrison, George Benson and Elvis tunes set the backdrop for families and couples dining in the shade of mature trees and umbrellas, overlooking the Bushwood Golf Course, along the edges of Country Club Village. The menu, sprinkled with Greek specialties, offered plenty of variety, oversized salads and children's favorites. A perfect summer evening ...

Speaking of Saturday night, one local father got hot under the collar when a worker at the Northville Summer Carnival didn't hop to his bidding fast enough. The 90-plus tempera-

tures tested the midway generators, causing intermittent power outages. Seems a daughter briefly stranded on the Ferris wheel didn't sit well with 'Ol Dad, who shouted at the carnival worker operating the controls, "Get my daughter down, now!" As in, before the rest of the riders ...

And speaking of behind the scenes of the carnival in town last weekend, it seems the worker who manned the Big Eli spinning ride Saturday night had a soft spot for nature. While traversing the Cady Street parking deck, he spotted an abandoned baby dove, likely fallen from the rafters. He picked up the fragile chick, creating a paper bowl nest he kept by his post.

And speaking of moving fast enough ... exactly how long do Randolph Street drivers have to make the dash onto Eight

Mile Road? With the recent adjustments by the county, the traffic signal cycling green to red says "Go" for about six seconds — if three cars really gun it ...

Once again, the skilleters are heating up at Maybury Farm. The Northville Community Foundation is hosting a third Rustic Chef competition from noon-2 p.m. this Saturday at the Eight Mile Road community attraction. Chef Frank Agostini of E.G. Nicks in Plymouth will gather mystery ingredients for the contestants who cook over an open fire, competing for the Cast Iron Skill Award. Admission: \$4. The ultimate cook-off among the rustic chef finalists will be at the farm Sept. 30. Check it out!

Tomorrow's 1 p.m. Friday Flick at the Northville Senior Community Center is "She's

the Man," starring Amanda Bynes, Channing Tatum and Alex Breckenridge. The cost is \$1.

'Tis the golfing season. The Optimist Club of Northville/Novi will host its second annual charity golf outing — a 1:30 p.m. shotgun scramble — next Wednesday at the Northville Hills Golf Club. For \$500 per foursome, golfers receive driving range time, 18 holes with a cart, raffle chances and prizes. One hole will feature a hole-in-one prize of a two-year car lease. The optimists support Arbor Hospice for Children, Cooke and Old Village schools, Civic Concern's back-pack program, annual scholarships and other programs. There's still time to score for local causes! Call (248) 380-8911 or e-mail jkeskey@aol.com.

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MEETING NOTEBOOK: CITY COUNCIL

July 17 Meeting

All members were present.
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Paving at Mill Race

The Northville City Council unanimously voted to spend \$18,850 to improve the north end of the Mill Race Historic Village parking lot, including constructing a second entrance, a project initially planned in 2004. Council awarded contracts to three companies to perform excavating, place a gravel base and pour concrete at the Griswold Road park this construction season. The parks and recreation director Jim Gallogly coordinated the contracts and will oversee the paving project, saving the city about \$20,000 from the original contract amount.

Firefighters' new clothes

Council unanimously voted to spend \$54,000 on new fire fighting suits for the city's fire department. Apollo Fire Equipment was awarded the \$45,082 contract for 30 sets of turn-out gear and the \$8,924 contract for 30 fire helmets. Both items were budgeted in the 2006-07 fire equipment and replacement fund capital improvement plan.

New trucks

Council unanimously approved a \$36,957 purchase of two new Ford pick-up trucks from low bidder, Jorgensen Ford of Detroit. Primarily, the public works department will use the \$25,734 2007 Ford F-250 truck, after-market fitted with a plow, to push snow in municipal lots. The parks and recreation department will primarily use the \$11,233 2007 Ford Ranger pick-up for baseball diamond maintenance work.

Final contract adjustment

Council unanimously approved a \$14,072 change order related to the recently completed Allen Terrace corridor renovation project. The additional expense, allocated from surplus community block grant funds, fulfilled a federal mandate that the painting company's subcontractors be paid benefits.

Non-union pay raise

Council unanimously authorized City Manager Patrick Sullivan to spend up to \$56,689 for salary and benefit adjustments and an additional \$10,000 for non-base merit adjustments for the city's non-union personnel. The 3.25 percent wage adjustment would cover full- and part-time non-union person-

nel, parks and recreation personnel, fire fighters and crossing guards, but excludes the city manager. The pay raise, which matches the city's collective bargaining agreements with its four unions that were effective July 1, will be paid for from the general fund contingency account.

Moving right along

Council voted 4-1 to adopt the downtown strategic plan prepared by Ann Arbor-based consultant Beckett and Raeder, and forward it to city commissions and boards. Council member Tom Swigart voted "no," asking "Where's the plan?"

"I can't accept this," he said. "We still have a whole lot of work to do."

"We're not a lot further ahead than we were a year ago."

Council members Michele Fecht and Jim Allen, Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers and Mayor Christopher Johnson said they supported the plan.

"I think it's a wonderful framework," Fecht said. "We've talked about it enough. We need to move on it."

Also on the agenda ...

Council agreed to table discussion of relocating the sculpture planned for the northwest corner of Main and Hutton streets.

On the consent agenda, council action included:

- approval of the request to transfer a liquor license to the Nomi Restaurant planned inside The Village, formerly Northville Square, at 133 W. Main St. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission will make the final determination.

- approval of a request for Lighthouse International Church to host a concert at Bandsell Park from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

- approval of the Northville Central Business Association's request to hold the annual downtown sidewalk sale Aug. 4-6.

- approval of the Senior Alliance multi-year plan for aging services; disposal of obsolete Allen Terrace furniture, and placement of bleachers by Genitti's restaurant at the intersection of Main and Center streets for the Nov. 17 holiday lighted parade.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Stolen property

A 42-year-old Northville Township man called police after several items were stolen from his car parked in his driveway on Manorwood. According to reports, a DVD player, pair of sunglasses, soft-ball mit, bat and spikes were missing. The man told police he is unsure if the car was locked. The case is closed.

Breaking and entering

An 83-year-old Northville Township woman called police after her American House apartment was broken into. The woman told police she locked the apartment to go away on vacation and upon returning about \$200 was missing. Jewelry and her checkbook were also missing. Police found no signs of forced entry. The case is closed.

Smashed vending machine

Police were dispatched to the Steeplechase Club House off Bayberry after an employee from Danny's Janitorial Service noticed a vending machine with the glass broken out. According to reports, police found several scratches on the machine, but the coin holder was still intact. Police contacted the vending machine owner and the club house manager in order to obtain a video surveillance tape. The case remains open.

White mess

An 18-year-old Westland woman called police after white paint was poured on her green Jeep Cherokee at her friends home in Northville Township. The paint was on the hood, sides and rear of the vehicle and police found a rear tire flattened and a dent in the rear lift gate. Police photographed the damage and checked the surrounding area. The case is closed.

Stolen stove

Police were dispatched to Morningside Drive after a condominium under construction was broken into. According to reports, the front door was forced open, causing damage to the door. Police said a range stove and refrigerator were stolen, valued at \$1,100. The washer and dryer had also been disconnected and moved just inside the front door. Police photographed the scene. The case remains open.

Vandalism

A 52-year-old Northville Township woman called police after six bottles of paint was dumped over picnic tables, the building and floor at the Piggy Park Pavilion, located at Camden Court and Sutters Lane. The woman told police she uses the area to do arts and crafts. Three T-shirts valued at \$6 were stolen. The case is closed.

Get-a-way

Police were dispatched to Kohl's on Haggerty Road after an unknown witness observed two women allegedly pushing a shopping cart of clothes out of the store and throwing them into a white Pontiac 6000. According to reports, the witness reported the incident to store officials and police were able to obtain a video surveillance tape. Police said the owner of the vehicle did not match the suspect's profile. The case is closed.

Traffic signal survey

Road Commission of Oakland County engineers are studying the change in Eight Mile Road traffic signal timing near Randolph Street and Taft Road intersections. City officials said they have received numerous complaints since the Randolph Street green light duration was shortened two weeks ago. The intent was to relieve the rush-hour back up of Taft Road motorists turning east onto Eight Mile Road. Acting Northville police chief Mike Carlson said no accidents have occurred in the adjacent intersections since the county changed the light timing. "What's the study going to do?" Carlson said. "Hopefully, make it a smooth transition for traffic. They're trying to make a determination what's best for the community — there's a balance between safety and the public outcry."

Speeder stopped

A 24-year-old Livonia man is facing a July 27 court date on drunk driving charges. Northville police reports indicated the black Pontiac Grand Prix driver allegedly was driving 55 mph in a 40 mph zone early Sunday morning when he was stopped by an officer stationed near Novi Road and Allen Drive. After a preliminary breath test indicated the driver's blood alcohol content was .11, he was arrested and taken to the Northville Township police station and held pending bond. The state's legal limit is .08.

Tip results in arrest

A 63-year-old Livonia man is facing an Aug. 3 court date after a phone tip resulted in his arrest for drunk driving July 14.

Northville police reports indicated officers were dispatched to Center Street, just south of Main Street, after an 18-year-old man reported a blue Geo Prizm driver was swerving and crossing lanes into oncoming traffic.

Reports indicated the driver's blood alcohol content was .19 in a preliminary breath test, above the state's .08 legal limit. Officers report-

edly confiscated a vodka bottle from the driver's car. The man was held at the Northville Township police station until posting bond.

Bikes stolen

Two Northville teenagers reported their bicycles were stolen last Saturday during their three-hour visit at the Northville Swim Club on High Street. Northville police reports indicated the two boys, 15 and 16, parked on the path near many other bicycles when they entered the club at about 7 p.m. They told police when they exited around 10 p.m., the two bikes were missing. One bike is a green Mosh with blue footpegs and silver handlebars valued at \$320. The other is a red Redline model, valued at \$650, with silver footpegs and handlebars. On July 10, a 15-year-old Northville girl reported her purple mountain bike, valued at \$150, was stolen. The girl told police she left her bike at a friend's house in the 400 block of Grace Street June 27 and when she went to retrieve it July 4, it was gone.

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REPUBLICANS

Abbo: jump-starting economy is top priority

By Tony Bruscatto
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Mark Abbo said his 14 years in local government, the last six as Northville Township supervisor, and his role as a businessman are the qualities needed to become the next state representative from the 20th District.

"I have a good, solid business background, and I understand the role of government," said Abbo, who is vice president at STM Power in Ann Arbor, a renewable energy company. "I see the issues as the economy, jobs, taxes and education."

Abbo is one of five

Republicans in the Aug. 8 primary to succeed Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township), who is term-limited, leaving the seat up for grabs. The 20th District encompasses the City of Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, a small section of Canton and the city of Wayne.



Mark Abbo

Abbo said one of his highest priorities, if elected, will be the issue of the Single Business Tax.

"The Single Business Tax is extremely oppressive," Abbo said. "I've seen companies lose millions of dollars and still pay it. It's based more on economic size than on

net income. To me, that doesn't create the right kind of environment for business to want to come here."

However, Abbo noted the state needs to look at more than just elimination of the SBT to improve the economic climate for business.

"I think we need to rationalize our entire tax structure, look at income taxes and property taxes," Abbo said. "We need to create incentives for business to come to this state."

"We should attract diverse businesses," he said. "High technology is important, alternative fuels is important. If we attract diverse businesses, it will have the same effect in making our manufacturing industry more vibrant as well."

Abbo said part of the plan to attract new business has to be an educated workforce. However, he stopped short of suggesting vouchers to let families choose where they want their children to attend school.

"The responsibility for educating kids is not just government responsibility," Abbo said. "Parents need to be involved, and parents need alternatives. I'm a proponent of charter schools so there can be some choices."

"Parents who homeschool their kids get zero dollars from the state. They don't even get books," he said. "We should offer them some assistance, even if it's just books, because they're taking a major role in the education of their kids."

Abbo said he would be in favor of amending Proposal A to allow local school districts to ask voters for additional millage to support the district's operating budget.

"I think Proposal A can absolutely be tweaked," Abbo said. "I think if some school districts would like to spend more to educate their kids, they should be allowed to do that."

Abbo said he's not in favor of the K-16 Coalition proposal to give annual cost-of-living funding increases to public school districts and universities.

"I believe the state needs to prioritize, and this removes the level of flexibility it may need in dealing with priorities that may arise," he said.

Abbo said health care costs in

Michigan need to come down, he is not supporting the affirmative action initiative on the November ballot and wants to protect Michigan's natural resources.

In the end, Abbo said it comes down to turning Michigan's ailing economy around.

"I don't see us moving in the right direction," said Abbo. "I'm not going to say whose fault it is, but I believe she (Gov. Jennifer Granholm) could be doing more."

"I believe the state should explore all alternatives, whether it's privatization or consolidation," he said. "It's a matter of letting market forces work to provide the most efficient and effective way of providing service."

Stewart: Michigan must improve 'knowledge base'

By Tony Bruscatto
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

As the executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum the past 17 years, Beth Stewart's main goal has been to make history come alive for students and teachers who visit one of Plymouth's jewels.

So, it comes as no surprise to anyone who hears Stewart say if she's elected to the 20th House District seat in November, education will be a top priority.

"Education, and particularly higher education, is what's going to move our state into this knowledge-based economy and help it grow," said Stewart, who resides in Plymouth Township. "Our colleges and universities

are in great areas, and bring economic prosperity where they are, and address so many quality of life issues."

"We should be encouraging people to go to college," she said. "Some kind of post-high school education has to be in everybody's background."



Beth Stewart

Stewart is one of five candidates vying for the Republican nomination for the 20th House seat, which is being vacated by her term-limited husband, John.

Stewart said she'd be willing to look at changes in Proposal A to help local

school districts get more state funding "if there were ways to allow more per-pupil funding for those districts delivering more services, or allowing dis-

tricts to ask for a millage for operations," suggested Stewart.

However, despite her penchant for education, Stewart said she's not in favor of the K-16 coalition proposal to give annual funding increases to education.

"While I support education, I think it's dangerous to think we can mandate a continuous funding stream at a certain level because we just don't know what the state revenue will be," Stewart said. "Since we have a balanced budget amendment in Michigan, you can only spend what you've got."

"As much as I support trying to find funding, we will have to address it every year," she said. "Which means we have to prioritize the budget, not mandate funding."

Stewart believes the Single Business Tax needs to be developed into a more fair tax that will replace the loss of \$1.9 bil-

lion the SBT adds to the state budget.

"The SBT and personal property taxes are looked at as onerous tax burdens on businesses, and need to be looked at," said Stewart. "The personal property tax is a negative tax, as far as I'm concerned. If you improve your business, you ought to be giving some kind of benefit for that, not trying to tax them on it."

"If people in business have this perception we have negative taxes, perhaps there's another way that doesn't have the stigma," she said. "We should find ways to attract new business, especially those involved in research and development and alternative energy. That's one way to grow our economy."

Stewart said she doesn't see too many areas in the state budget that can be cut, though she would consider a look at the Corrections Department.

"Only because if you can put

more money in education, hopefully you wouldn't have to put so much money into corrections," she said.

Stewart said "health care is huge," and she'd like to institute a plan — like one in Massachusetts — that gets more uninsured people on Medicaid, to pay for health care costs currently being picked up by doctors and hospitals, which are generally passed on as increased health insurance costs.

"We need to find ways to lighten the load on employers," Stewart said. "We're funding Medicaid with 1985 dollars and 2006 costs. More and more people will have to pay more for health care."

Stewart isn't a proponent of the affirmative action proposal on the November ballot.

"I don't support the civil rights initiative, the way it is," Stewart said. "We do need some forms of affirmative action, still."

But, I think it could have racist overtones, and we shouldn't be supporting things like that."

Stewart said when her husband first suggested she run for the state legislature, she scoffed at the idea. But, then decided their like-mindedness on the issues, including being moderate Republicans, would well-serve the 20th District.

"The idea wasn't to keep it in the family, but that I agreed with him on the issues," she said. "I love to find consensus to build collaborative relationships, to get people to solve problems and issues."

"John has carved out a niche for moderate Republicans, and I would be able to continue that," Stewart said. "I really do think that represents the people in the district."

DEMOCRATS

Corriveau takes second shot at House seat

By Brad Kadrich
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Northville attorney Marc Corriveau admits he might not have been quite ready when he challenged state Rep. John Stewart two years ago for Stewart's seat in the 20th State House District.

Stewart beat Corriveau then, and now Corriveau is back, running in a three-candidate Democratic primary Aug. 8 for the seat being vacated by the term-limited Stewart.

"I was at a time in my life and career where it might have been a little early," said Corriveau, who lives in Northville with his wife, Wendy, and children Luc and Eve. "I had two babies and I was a fairly new lawyer. The idea

was to get my name out there, get familiar with the process and kind of cut my teeth on that campaign."

Knowing the 2006 contest would be for the open seat, Corriveau figured he could hit the ground running. "I learned a tremendous amount about the actual structure of a campaign, which is rather daunting by itself," Corriveau said. "I felt I ran a relatively honorable campaign and I was a decent candidate. People see this as a Republican district, but I'd have a shot going against someone who is not an incumbent."



Marc Corriveau

Education and health care are two of Corriveau's primary concerns, mostly because those are issues he's heard about from the people he's met going door-to-door.

"Jobs issue, education, health

care ... these issues overlap each other in the broad picture in terms of where the governor has taken this state," Corriveau said. "These issues are not exclusive of each other. They seem to profoundly affect each other."

For Corriveau, education is the big one. He said the state "needs skilled workers, we need educated students and we need to create an atmosphere from a business standpoint that Michigan is an attractive state."

"Those things affect us all, affect me profoundly," Corriveau said. "From a legislative standpoint, if I'm lucky enough to be given the opportunity to go to Lansing, those are the things most people find important."

Corriveau favors eliminating the Single Business Tax, but not before something is done to replace the \$1.8 billion the state would lose as

a result.

"If you just ask the question, do I like the SBT, I don't," he said. "But a lot of issues aren't that simple. We can't kill the SBT until there's a comprehensive plan to replace the money. You don't just cut it and wait for the fallout to happen to figure out what we're going to do."

Corriveau said he's seen ideas expressed for replacing the revenue, including perhaps extending sales tax to other areas.

"I saw something that said if you spread it out to all sales you may even be able to drop it from 6 percent to 5 percent," Corriveau said. "It should be gone. But how do you make sure we're not just jumping from the frying pan into the fire? That job is going to be a tough one, and our legislators are going to have to do it."

Corriveau sees the cost of health

care as a huge issue, pointing to Sen. Debbie Stabenow's efforts to provide affordable prescription drugs as the key component of quality health care.

"(Stabenow) has been real aggressive on providing cheaper prescription drugs for the elderly, and we should piggy-back on that and make sure we're listening to people around this area," Corriveau said. "Michigan needs a common-sense approach to providing health care and prescription coverage without sacrificing quality of care."

Corriveau is for the equitable funding of public schools, and would tweak Proposal A to get there, if that's what his constituents wanted.

"I like to defer the nuts and bolts of the argument whether the funding is enough to the administrators and the teachers, and I'd like to go to them and hear what they have to

say about it," he said. "I think you can't go away from the public schools. If it's determined the public schools are underfunded, it's one of my core beliefs it needs to start there. Access to the American dream is an illusion unless truly every single person has the opportunity."

Corriveau thinks skills he's developed as an attorney make him an attractive candidate.

"In my job as an attorney representing my clients' interests, I have to be a strong advocate," he said. "In terms of getting somewhere and being a consensus builder and bringing ideas that may not match exactly into some sort of workable understanding agreement, I think that's what I pride myself on most. If it means getting a little here and maybe giving up something there you don't want, but the ultimate result is gain."

Hawver: Michigan needs 21st Century answers, reps

By Brad Kadrich
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

Joe Hawver has always had a passion for politics — he worked on John Dingell's campaign when he was 16 — but never had a yen for political life.

Now, after caving in to years of badgering from his friends, the 27-year-old Plymouth Township resident is jumping into the political arena, campaigning for the House 20th District seat being vacated by the term-limited Rep. John Stewart.



Joe Hawver

Hawver is one of three Democrats on the Aug. 8 primary ballot.

"I guess I've always been apprehensive about it because of how people talk about politics, and how people start with these great intentions, but when they cor-

rupt, Jack Abramoff-types," Hawver said. "I do have a passion for this, but I also have a mindfulness about the dark side of all this, and that's the thing that prevented me from getting into it the last couple of years."

He grew up in Wayne and his family lived there until he was 12 before moving to Plymouth. He attended Canton High School before moving to Dearborn, where he finished up at Edsel Ford High School.

Background

He got his bachelor's degree in public law from Western Michigan University and just graduated Wayne State Law School. While there, Hawver worked for more than three years at Growth Works, the Plymouth-based counseling center for troubled teens and was one of three

therapists chosen to start a new center in Grosse Pointe.

He left Growth Works in September 2005 to finish school and start studying for the bar exam, which he has taken, but not gotten results yet.

He said the economy is the state's No. 1 issue.

"It's been pretty well-publicized Michigan is in a single-state recession, and I think that's mostly because we don't have a very diverse economy here," Hawver said. "We pretty much depend on the auto industry, and whenever the auto industry goes into a slump the economy tends to slump."

Hawver said one of the keys is alternative energy, pointing out that whenever the world transitioned to a new energy source, the empire controlling the old one has failed to maintain control.

"If we accept the premise, and I know this is controversial, that the world's energy needs are chang-

ing and the global oil supplies are shrinking and that's why prices are so high, I think we have a golden opportunity in this state to transition to whatever energy source the world is going to be using in the 21st century," he said. "I think this is an emergency in this state and in the world. We have to look at what alternative energy sources are out there right now, what technologies are out there. We have to look at ideas like that and say, what is the predominant energy source — is it the sun, is it ethanol, electricity, hydrogen? What's it going to be and how can we build it here and make it work?"

Tax plan

Hawver favors elimination of the single-business tax and replacing it with a 2 percent tax on services, a tax on profits he said would be a more traditional corporate tax. Another idea float-

ing around, he said, is a progressive income taxation. But Hawver favors a tax on services.

Michigan has more service-oriented businesses than it does businesses that produce goods (but we only have a sales tax on goods, not on services," he said. "The economy is ever-changing. I'm all for keeping an optimal tax rate. We figure that out as we go along."

Hawver cited a study published on the Center for Michigan's Web site that says a 4 percent sales tax on services would raise \$7.3 billion every year. Acknowledging such a tax could hit the poor hard, Hawver said he'd exempt some services to avoid that.

"It might be regressive, depending on which services you exempt," Hawver said. "(But) I think the sales tax on goods is definitely regressive; people buy goods before they buy services. You could exempt services that would hit the poor harder than

they hit the middle class."

On other issues, Hawver:

- Wants to expand access, get costs under control and make prescription drugs affordable, and he favors Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan, modeled after Mitt Romney's plan in Massachusetts, to get people to buy into a health plan.

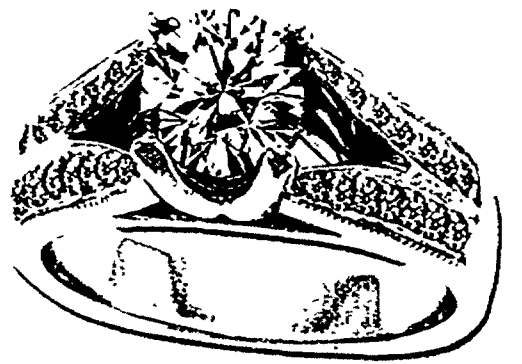
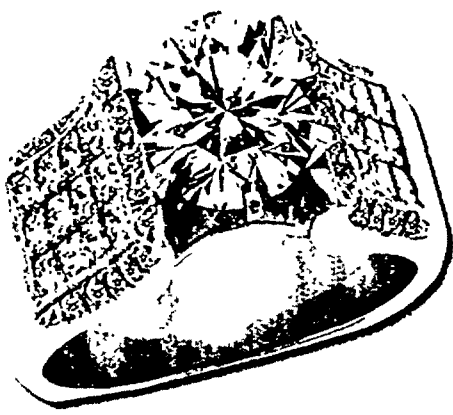
- Wants to amend Proposal A, the 10-year-old law that moved school funding from property taxes to sales taxes, to give communities "that don't think they're getting enough money from the state to raise more money for schools if they want to."

- Would vote against the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, the ballot proposal that would end affirmative action. Hawver is currently working for Wayne State on a research project on what will happen if the MCRI passes.



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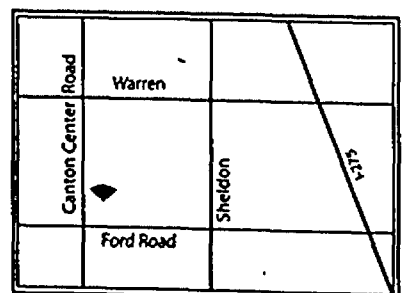
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value for the community," Sincock said. "We also provide a healthy outlet for residents, places for kids to make new friends and a good economic impact for local businesses when we partner with them."

Sue Campbell, director of Northville Youth Assistance, said the programs provided by youth assistance have been beneficial for children and teens in the community.

"More than 1,500 children and teens have participated in Northville Youth Assistance programs in the past 12 months," Campbell said.

What's in there?

Township residents will go to the polls Aug. 8 to determine the fate of two public service millages.

Voters will be asked to approve a levy of .875 mills for shared services and 4.7 mills for public safety.

If approved, the owner of a \$200,000 home will pay about \$87 annually for shared services and \$470 for public safety.

One .875 millage request

Breaking down the millage proposals

- **Public Safety**
Originally assessed: 5.01
Last assessed: 4.672
Proposed: 4.7
- **Shared Services**
Originally assessed: 0.58
Last assessed: 0.5379
Proposed: 0.875

would fund shared services, which includes senior adult services, Northville Parks and Recreation and Northville Youth Assistance.

A second 4.7-mill request would fund public safety until 2010. Both current millages expire in December.

Trustee Brad Werner said shared services benefits residents of both the city and township and are instrumental in community growth and development.

"They all have their own goals and needs, but are combined beneficial to the entire community, then separately they are beneficial to their own group," Werner said.

Shared services: no new taxes

Township officials say what first looks like a tax increase is really a millage reduction.

"The total millage rate is going to be reduced," said Thelma Kubitsky, township finance director. "We're eliminating the land acquisition (millage) due to a recent survey that showed residents felt the township had enough land for development."

By eliminating the current land acquisition and development millage, the proposed millage for both shared services and public safety will be an overall decrease, Kubitsky said.

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said fees in Northville are high enough.

"I think we do an efficient job in keeping the fees and taxes low," she said. "I personally believe our shared services are a tremendous value."

"Being a township, voters choose by their vote what services they want provided. Cities can levy what they need and voters have no say. In the township, we work out our budget to accommodate what voters want."

Hillebrand said the growth in the community helps in being able to keep taxes low.

"The new residents coming in contribute to the tax base," she said. "I'm a tax payer too, and any time you can keep the same level of services and decrease the mills, then we're working efficiently."

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com.

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Livonia man faces four felony charges after shooting friend near former state hospital

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Lance Andrew Celusta was arraigned Friday on four felony counts after accidentally shooting his friend in the leg early Thursday morning as they tried to access the steam tunnels of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital.

Celusta pleaded not guilty July 7 and was given a July 28 preliminary exam date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

He was released on \$1,000 cash bond, pending his next court appearance.

Celusta was charged with discharging a firearm under the influence causing serious impairment, felony firearm, careless discharge causing injury and being in possession under the influence, a weapons/firearms, misdemeanor.

Northville Township Police Department Lt. Greg Rhodes said the victim, 20-year-old Richard Mantooth was shot below the knee sometime before 4 a.m. last week as he exited a two-door Chevrolet Cavalier driven by the suspect.

A 19-year-old man and woman were also in the car. All four are from Livonia.

Rhodes said Celusta, a security guard for the Archdiocese of Detroit, was carrying a 40-caliber handgun while visiting the state-owned property.

"The suspect had a valid Concealed Weapons permit, and the gun was registered in his name," Rhodes said.

"... He ran onto Seven Mile Road to stop cars passing by."

Lt. Greg Rhodes
Northville Township Police Department

"While exiting the vehicle, the suspect accidentally shot the victim."

Rhodes said a 19-year-old male passenger witnessed the shooting and attempted to get help by knocking on doors in the nearby Northridge Condominiums.

"He didn't get an answer from residents in the area, so he ran onto Seven Mile Road to stop cars passing by," he said. "He was able to stop the fourth car and call 9-1-1."

Mantooth was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and is currently listed in stable condition.

According to police, Celusta could face up to 10 years in prison.

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com.

Suiting up with public safety

The Northville Township Police and Fire departments are hosting the 2006 Public Safety Exposition Sunday at the Northville Township Fire Department.

During the noon-4 p.m. exposition, interested residents can take part in a bike rodeo, evidence, taser and vehicle demonstrations, crime and fire preven-

tion, K-9 operations and a 9-1-1 simulator.

Evidence technicians will demonstrate finger printing and parents will be able to record their child's identification using video tapes and finger prints for their protection.

There will also be a skate park available, free gun locks and a fly over by the life flight helicopter.

Joining the expo will be several officers for both the fire and

police departments, the township's reserve police officers, the detective bureau and the Citizen Emergency Response Team.

The event will be held at the Northville Township Fire Department headquarters, located at 45745 Six Mile Road. For more information, contact the Northville Township Police Department at (248) 349-9400.

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Making room

School officials continue searching for space

The second installment in a series regarding Northville Public Schools growth talks.

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Eileen Freeman sat in tight quarters prepared to safeguard her baby.

Just short of an inquisition, she feared school officials seeking detailed information about the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center program.

The meeting was one of many board members and administrators have been holding to discuss how the district will handle future growth — including portables, redistricting, taking back Cooke School and seizing space utilized by the early childhood program Freeman heads.

Board of Education secretary Joan Wadsworth assured Freeman during the meeting the pointed discussion was a part of an ongoing process to scour every possible answer to handling growth.

The Board members' first choice, building a seventh elementary school, was shutdown after members of the community declined \$70.67 million of bond proposals, including new construction.

The charge

As decision makers work toward plac-

ing more students beginning with the 2007-08 school year, they are analyzing data showing how much space the Early Childhood Center programs fill in district buildings.

According to data issued by Northville Public Schools, pulling out Early Education would free up six-seven regular classrooms throughout the district.

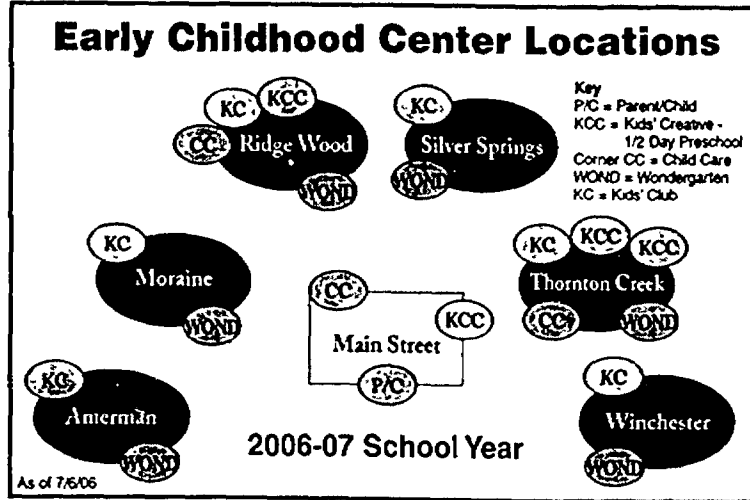
Officials said the early childhood space at Ridge Wood Elementary School was designed for pre-kindergarten programming, and falls below standards for regular classroom size.

Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services David Bolitho said 35-square feet is recommended, resulting in classrooms with capacity for about 14-15 kids in the smaller, pre-K designed rooms.

Officials said many of the ECC classrooms service between 65-70 children, due to staggered class scheduling.

The Northville Public Schools licensed and accredited pre-kindergarten center offers five programs: Parent/child, parent and child interactive classes for kids younger than 3; Kids' Creative Corner, half-day preschool programming; Corner Child Care, child care classes; Wondergarten, a half-day complementary kindergarten program; and Kids' Club, before, after and summer school care.

Programs are hosted at all six district



elementary schools and the Main Street administrative building.

Freeman said the majority of programming, including Kids' Club, takes place in school common areas including elementary school media rooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums, theaters and multi-purpose rooms.

The numbers

Bolitho said other considerations must be made before using elementary school early education rooms for regular classes.

"Once you hit the 29th section you can't deliver the curriculum," he said. "I think that is another factor that needs to be considered."

Bolitho said gymnasium and cafeteria capacities would be compromised along with the ability to deliver "specials,"

which include classes like music and art.

Freeman said the program also contributes revenue to the school district — a needed commodity as the economy and state funding slides downward.

According to district budget documents, The Early Childhood Center program contributed nearly \$95,000 to the district in the 2005-06 school year.

School officials said 1,005 students were enrolled in the program last year, with more than half enrolled in the Kids' Club program.

School officials said less than 1 percent of Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center enrollees are not from Northville families, and the majority of non-residents' children belong to district employees

"This is part of our educational program and is working quite well."

Casey Reason, Assistant Superintendent
Northville Public Schools

Curricular merit

"The services we provide our parents are twofold," said Casey Reason, assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Reason said square-foot data does not reflect the connection between early learning and the success of Northville's K-12 program.

"This is part of our educational program and is working quite well," Reason said. "And frankly that can't be overlooked."

Board trustee Karen Paciorek said the trend in education now is P-12.

"We can really no longer wait until children are 5," she said.

Paciorek, an early education professor at Eastern Michigan University, stresses there is a value to the program beyond classroom space.

"The emphasis here is very forward thinking," she said.

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Daniel Felicelli, a junior this fall at Northville High School, benefitted from Northville Youth Assistance's PILLAR program.

Powerful youth programs

Northville offers assistance for youth

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Julie Felicelli received a phone call with details about a new Northville youth program, she couldn't believe her good fortune.

As a family moving three times in five years, she wondered how her son would fare entering Northville's large high school.

The voice on the other end of Felicelli's phone described the PILLAR program - a week-long course specially designed to help incoming freshman acclimate to high school life.

"I was like, oh my God, who is this angel?" Felicelli said. "I just felt like all my prayers had been answered."

Two years and one confident young man later, the PILLAR program continues serving as safe haven for nervous soon-to-be high schoolers.

"I just felt like all my prayers had been answered."

Julie Felicelli
Parent, Northville

Western Wayne, Campbell said an additional afternoon session was added.

She said a school referral is not required.

"There are still a few openings," Campbell said last week. "If a parent is desperate they can call Northville Youth Assistance."

The free program begins July 31 at the high school and will be led by teacher Judy Cavanaugh.

Activities include team-building exercises, community projects, tours of the high school and the opportunity to speak with upperclassmen.

PILLAR of strength

The PILLAR program is the careful creation of a joint partnership between Northville Youth Assistance and Northville Public Schools.

"The interesting thing about the PILLAR program this year is that we asked the school district to recommend kids from the middle schools," said Sue Campbell, Northville Youth Assistance director. "We received 90 recommendations and we're usually limited to 20."

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PILLAR

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Where: Northville High School
Who: For ninth graders entering Northville High School
Hosted by: Northville Youth Assistance and Northville Public Schools
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who they are is great," Campbell said. "Kids have different strengths and often they can't identify what their strengths are because they may be different from the kids around them."

Northville High School counselor Karin Pearson is facilitating the program again this year.

Classes are divided based on grade and gender and are available for girls completing second, third and fourth grades and boys completing third and fourth grades. A co-ed class is offered for students recently finishing fifth grade.

Openings are available for parents calling by the end of the day tomorrow. Campbell said the fee is \$40 per student and need-based scholarships are available.

"Kids just need to figure out

where their power is," Campbell said. "Where their strengths are."

Deep impact

Felicelli said she will never be able to appropriately express her gratitude for the types of programs Northville Youth Assistance offers. And particularly the PILLAR program.

She said it made such a significant impact in her son's life.

"Daniel learned being a freshman isn't the worst thing that can happen to you," Felicelli said. "He did join football and the band, and he felt confident to do those things."

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"... We asked the school district to recommend kids from the middle schools. We received 90 recommendations and we're usually limited to 20."

Sue Campbell
Director, Northville Youth Assistance

ON CAMPUS

Adrian College

Northville resident, Brett Asher, has been named to the spring 2006 dean's list at Adrian College.

University of Notre Dame

Northville resident, Kristina Sinutko, has been named to the spring 2006 semester dean's list at the University of Notre Dame.

University of Michigan-Dearborn

Bradley Moore, of Northville, has been named to the winter 2006 term dean's list at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Hope College

Emily Shebak, of Northville,

was among the spring 2006 graduates at Hope College during commencement exercises.

Ferris State University

Northville residents, Anne Braine, Elizabeth DeVogel and Nicholas Schoendorf, were among the spring 2006 semester graduates at Ferris State University during commencement exercises.

Spring Arbor University

Northville residents, Emily Dixon, Kristen Tomakowsky and Karen VanSlyke, were named to the spring 2006 semester dean's list at Spring Arbor University.

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YES
NO
SHARED SERVICE MILLAGE
Shall the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan be authorized and empowered to levy a general ad valorem property tax in an amount which in any one year shall not exceed .8750 mills (\$.8750 per thousand dollars of state equalized valuation) for four (4) years, 2006 through 2009, both inclusive, and being in addition to the aggregate amount of ad valorem property taxes imposed for all other purposes. The collections of such levied tax to be used by the Charter Township of Northville solely for the operation, maintenance, land acquisition, park development and capital expenditures comprising the shared services of senior citizens, parks and recreation and Northville Youth Assistance programs. If enacted, this levy will raise in the first year the sum of \$1,674,674.00.

YES
NO
STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 22, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County	August 6, 1974	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Regional Educational Services Agency	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2005	0.25 mills	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 Indefinitely
Community College	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2005 thru 2010

Precincts	Township Polling Locations
Precincts 1, 15	Moraine Elementary School 46811 Eight Mile Road
Precincts 2, 8, 9, 13	Silver Springs Elementary School 19801 Silver Springs Drive
Precincts 7, 12	Meads Mill School 16700 Franklin Road
Precincts 6, 11	Winchester Elementary School 16141 Winchester Drive
Precinct 5	Kings Mill Clubhouse 18120 Jamesstown Circle
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Precincts 3, 4	Northville High School 45700 Six Mile Road

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF REZONING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at 7:30 P.M. at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan. The Planning Commission will hear comments regarding rezoning the 15.48 acre township owned parcel located on the northeast corner of Sheldon and Five Mile Roads from R-3 (One-Family Residential) to B-3 (General Business). The property transfer will be subject to a development agreement.

The public is invited to attend this public hearing and express their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the proposed rezoning will be received by the Northville Township Planning Commission at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

GEORGE MCCARTHY, CHAIR
PLANNING COMMISSION

(6-29 & 7-20-06 NR 295115)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Northville Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consider Special Land Use requests for the property on the northeast corner of Sheldon and Five Mile Roads in Northville. The Special Land Uses include a retail center of approximately 68,000 square feet; a drive-thru bank and pharmacy; restaurants with outdoor seating; and outdoor sales associated with a fresh food market.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and provide their comments and ask questions. Written comments regarding the development proposal will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

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High jumper!

Jane Schriener, 8, dismounts the balance beam during a Jump-A-Rama gymnastics camp at the Hillside Recreation Center.

CLASS NOTES

Board Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Class of 1961 Reunion

The Northville High School Class of 1961 will celebrate its 45th reunion at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at Italian Epicure, 42050 Grand River Ave., Novi. Reservations are required. For more information or reservations, please contact Howard Sherman, (810) 329-9466 or Phil Jerome, (248)349-1956, philmich33@yahoo.com.

Northville High School

Registration packets for the 2006-07 school year are available for pick-up in the main office. Office hours are 7:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call (248) 344-8420. Registration will be

held Aug. 22-24 as follows:
 • Tuesday, Aug. 22: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., ninth grade
 • Wednesday, Aug. 23: 8-11 a.m., 10th grade; 12:30-3 p.m., 12th grade
 • Thursday, Aug. 24: 8-11 a.m., 11th grade
 • Monday, Aug. 28 and Tuesday, Sept. 5: Make-up days

Testing

Summer testing for the Northville Public Schools Gifted Program and/or Middle School Advanced Math will be Aug. 21-24. The deadline to apply is Monday, Aug. 14. Visit www.northville.k12.mi.us/instruction/alps.asp for further information, along with parent nomination and registration.

Early Education Openings

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center is enrolling for the 2006-07 school year. Openings are still available in the 3-year-old Kids' Creative Corner preschool classes and the

Parent-Child Classes for 1- and 2-year-old children. Please call the Early Childhood Center Office, (248) 344-8465 for more information.

Old Village/Cooke Golf Outing

The Old Village and Cooke schools golf outing will be Saturday, Sept. 30 at St. Johns Golf and Conference Center. Event organizers are looking for hole and contest prize sponsors, raffle prizes and golfers. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be distributed between both schools to support music therapy, leisure recreation and student equipment needs. Please contact Old Village School, (248) 344-8460 or Cooke School, (248) 344-8489.

Reflections Contest

The theme for the 2006-07 Reflections contest is "My favorite place." Students may

start planning now for entries due in early fall. Submissions in the categories of literature, music composition, photography and art will be accepted. The PTA national competition honors student creativity in the field of arts.

NPS registration

Parents wishing to enroll their children in Northville Public Schools this summer may pick up a registration packet for new students at the district's central office, 501 W. Main Street or by calling, (248) 349-3400.

St. Paul's Kindergarten

Children who will be 5 by Dec. 1 may register now for full- or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Elm St. Please call the office, (248) 349-3146 or stop by the school from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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Seniors shuttle along via local bus

Many say it saves dollars and makes sense

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

J. Michael McBride wasn't even thinking \$3 a gallon. He just wanted a ride. The 56-year-old retiree, without a driver's license due to a medical condition, recently learned he can board a Northville senior bus for his local errands. His cost: \$3 each way.

The number of riders always increases with the warmer weather, said Senior Adult Services Coordinator Sue Koivula, simply because people get out more. Rising fuel costs might add to the seasonal uptick, she said.

"I think as gas prices continue to go up, people will use it more than driving their car," said Koivula, who oversees the transportation program for 50-and-older riders. "Would we like to see it grow more? Sure, maybe at one point we could have one evening a week or a Saturday. That might be an option if our program grows faster."

Many riders

Koivula said the senior transportation office logged 501 riders last month, totaling 5,704 riders for the year.

From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, City of Northville and Northville Township residents can call ahead to arrange trips to the doctor's office, grocery store and movie theater. For \$3 a trip and two-day advance notice, drivers will take them wherever they want to go, within the program's five-mile radius.

"We've taken people to visit their spouse at nursing homes and hospitals,"



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Due to an automobile accident, Northville Township resident J. Michael McBride can no longer drive a car and will start using the senior center bus service to get around.

she said. "But those visits have to be within the five-mile radius."

"For medical (appointments), we'll go up to 10 miles, but we will charge them between the five and 10 miles."

Koivula said some residents travel by bus to recurring medical appointments, such as dialysis treatment.

"They can book the whole month ahead of time," she said, adding medical appointments take first priority. "We like it to be two days in advance just for the scheduling part of it."

Many opportunities

Shared services partners in providing

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Sue Koivula

Senior Adult Services Coordinator, Northville Senior Community Center

the senior program, the city and township alternate purchasing a vehicle for the transportation department, Koivula said. That mini-bus, as well as the SMART vehicles on loan from the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, are based at the city's Doherty Drive public works yard.

Through the Northville senior program budget, bus fare revenue covers gas, vehicle maintenance and wages for the 10 part-time drivers, who alternate shifts. SMART and The Senior Alliance also help cover program costs, Koivula said.

Typically, one or two buses are on the road daily to meet seniors' local travel needs, Koivula said, allowing use of vehicles for day trips scheduled through the Northville Senior Community Center.

Her staff spreads the word about the transportation service via newsletter, Web site, cable television, and presentations at residential communities and retirement facilities.

Soon-to-be rider

An 11-year township resident, McBride only recently learned the transportation

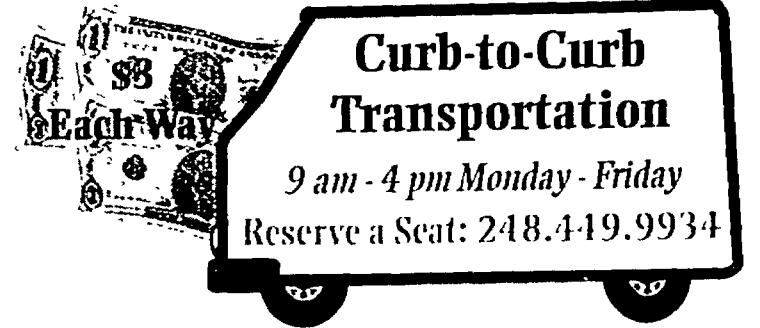
Rider criteria

In addition to Northville community, residents 50 and older, transportation service is available to handicapped residents.

All Northville Senior Community Center vehicles have a wheelchair lift, said Senior Adult Services Coordinator Sue Koivula. Residents younger than 50 with physical or mental disabilities can obtain required paperwork by calling the transportation department at (248) 449-9934.

Want a ride?

What: Curb-to-curb service
Who: Residents 50 and older
Where: Anywhere within a five-mile radius of senior center
When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday
Reservations: Required by calling (248) 449-9934 from 9-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday
Cost: \$3 each way



Source: Northville Senior Community Center

service is available. He said he's not sure yet what type of trips he'll take.

McBride hopes to reclaim his driver's license after a long-term clean bill of health. Until then, he'll take the bus.

"Up to this point, I've been relying on my sister," the Highland Lakes resident said. "It's getting to be a burden."

McBride, who suffered a head injury following a 1991 car accident that left him vulnerable to epileptic seizures, said not being able to drive has changed his perspective. He's exploring options for inde-

pendence, like the transportation service, seeking shopping or entertainment outside his home.

"I don't really consider myself an invalid," he said. "I can't deny that it's getting to be that way."

"I can't drive, so it changes a whole lot of things."

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or via e-mail at mjohnston@gannett.com.

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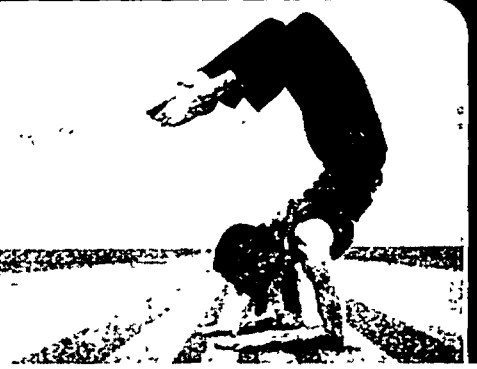
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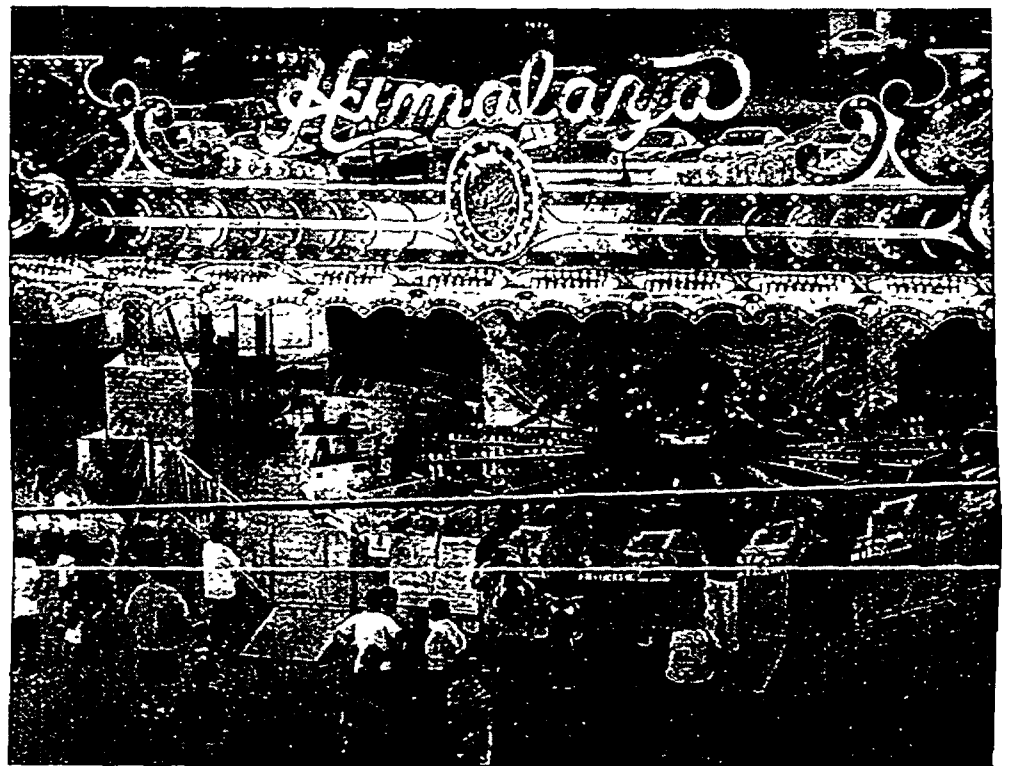
Enjoying a breeze during Saturday's heatwave, riders of all ages took flight during the carnival held on Northville Downs grounds.



Waiting during one of the power outages Saturday, Joseph Williams, 10, of Farmington Hills took a turn on the popular bee ride.



Ava Laird, 19 months, samples an icy treat during the Northville carnival Saturday.



Himalaya riders shouted and waved their arms to loud music and sirens blasting during the carnival held last weekend in downtown Northville.



During the carnival held on Northville Downs grounds last weekend, children and adults enjoyed kiddie, family and thrill rides.



Enjoying the carnival Saturday, cousins Veronica Johnston, 7, and Elek Naszradi, 2, take a spin on the bee ride.



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LEFT: While his father, John Lussier, looks on, Wyatt Lussier, 5, aims for Scooby Doo at one of the many games of chance during the carnival Saturday.

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MARK ABBO, Republican

Mark Abbo is the top Republican candidate in the Aug. 8 primary election. At a time when the Michigan Legislature sorely needs an infusion of fiscal responsibility and clear vision, Abbo offers both: professional experience as a certified public accountant and a vice-president position at an Ann Arbor-based alternative fuel company. Abbo offers real-world professional experience — not political babble — when discussing critical issues such as balancing the state's deficit-laden annual budget (expected to be \$41 billion), reducing the state's reliance on fossil fuels and elimination of the Single Business Tax. At a time when many politicians are invoking "fiscal conservancy" and "alternative fuel" as campaign-chic solutions, few draw on practical experience to form their arguments. Abbo has been there, and done that. His 14 years as a Northville Township public official — as a board trustee and the past six years as supervisor — make Abbo the only Aug. 8 primary candidate who knows firsthand what it means to hold public office.

And while other candidates tout expanding "Michigan's knowledge base," we believe such a non-detailed plan too often ends up being a euphemism for throwing money blindly at education and filling familiar public troughs without a specific plan, necessary benchmarks and an understood goal. At a time when Michigan's budget dollars are scant, offering knee-jerk, albeit laudable, solutions is not progress. Saying Michigan is at a crossroads is not enough. Embarrassingly, the Michigan Legislature lacks vision and a unified plan. Until it gets both, the economic floundering and political backbiting will continue. The answer? Elect legislators more concerned about facing tough challenges than preening for the nearest camera. Refreshingly, that's what Abbo offers most.

MARK CORRIVEAU, Democrat

Mark Corriveau is the top Democrat in a very competitive field. We give the nod to the Northville-based attorney because we believe Corriveau best understands his basic agenda: improving Michigan education and health care programs. These are areas where many Michigan residents are feeling the pinch and falling woefully through the cracks.

Oddly, Corriveau also ranks "imported trash" as a top agenda item. Though we think it's an issue, the state's annual budget and creating a more stable, diversified economy should rank higher.

Corriveau favors eliminating the Single Business tax, but not before determining how Michigan will make up the estimated \$1.8 billion revenue shortfall. That sounds practical. We just hope it's not hedging. Corriveau's experience two years ago as a 20th District Democratic candidate now afford him the maturity necessary to be considered a serious State House candidate.

BALLOT PROPOSALS: Northville Township

Northville Township voters will face two local ballot proposals Aug. 8 regarding millages for "shared services" and "public safety."

Ballot Proposal: Township Shared Services

The four-year .875-mill shared services ballot question is a sink-or-swim proposition for Northville Township voters. The millage serves as the finance mechanism providing the township's portion of senior citizen, Youth Assistance and Northville Parks and Recreation programming. Without it, those valuable services are in danger. The millage will cost a \$400,000 home owner \$175 per year.

Much of that amount will go toward parks and recreation programming, with smaller amounts delivered to seniors and Youth Assistance. These are programs reflective of Northville's traditional value system and mirror the faces comprising the Northville Township community. The millage request is reasonable and appropriate.

Vote: YES

Ballot Proposal: Township Public Safety

We believe the services provided by the Northville Township fire and police departments are deserving of reinvestment. From a management and service-delivery standpoint, Northville Township residents receive high value for their public safety dollar. Township officials are asking voters to approve a four-year, 4.7 mill public safety proposal. The owner of a \$400,000 home would pay \$940 annually. While

money is tight for everyone nowadays, we believe reinvesting in well-managed public safety departments is a practical step toward maintaining Northville Township's "safe community" tradition. Police and fire officials prove their value to the community every day. Now it's time for the community to put a fair price on that value.

Vote: YES

Bloom times!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Ruth Ann Adler, left, and Aline Zabinski look at some perennial selections in the Northville garden of Sally and Jim Perry during last week's Country Garden Club of Northville Garden Walk. The walk, which featured six local gardens, is the main fund-raiser for the club's scholarship program.

LETTERS

Youth Assistance support

Northville Youth Assistance is deeply committed to the youth of Northville and is making a real difference with our middle school students. In addition to the daily presence of Homework Help at Meads Mill and Hillside, both Mary Ellen King and Sue Campbell have worked with us to focus on positive relationships with our students. Rosalind Wiseman, author of "Queen Bees and Wannabees" and "Queen Bee Moms and King Pin Dads" has presented to students, teachers and parents through the efforts of Northville Youth Assistance. These presentations have been very worthwhile.

In addition, Sue Campbell has served as an excellent resource and partner with Meads Mill Middle School as we address bullying issues. Sue Campbell joined the Meads Mill team of teachers who attended "Bully-proofing Your Middle School" training through Oakland County. Sue has worked with us and Lori Parrish in presenting in-service to the Meads Mill teachers.

Most recently, Sue Campbell and Northville Youth Assistance provided Meads Mill with the funding to present two assemblies. The Jewish Enrichment Theater presented one assembly for boys and one for the girls. The focus was on bullying behavior. Sue Campbell not only helped with the funding, but attended both presentations and provided feedback. This partnership is very helpful as NYA works with the middle schools to address the needs of the children we share.

Northville Youth Assistance is valuable asset to the community for our students individually and collectively. As principal of Meads Mill Middle School, I thank NYA and look forward to continuing a very positive relationship for the benefit our students.

Susan M. Meyer
Meads Mill Middle School

Gardeners say thanks

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi held their first Garden Walk this past Saturday and thanks to the efforts of many people in both of our communities it was a huge success. We would like to express our gratitude to Lou Mascolo and his wonderful staff at Garden Views and Water Wheel Health Club for selling our tickets; to Tollgate Farms and the great volunteers who keep up those beautiful gardens; to the Master Gardener volunteers in several communities who helped out, and last but very importantly, our local newspaper editors and reporter Maureen Johnston who understand that they are the vehicle in which we rely to "get the word out." The NO-NO's thank you for your very generous help.

Yvonne DeMatos
President, Gardeners of Northville & Novi

'No' to Abbo

The "good ole' boys" are at it again. I am insulted by the incredibly expensive glossy mailings of Mark Abbo, which clutter up our mailboxes, and have nothing to say about the issues. This candidate is controlled by the special interest groups in Lansing. Further, he has chosen to outsource the printing of his mailings to printers in Lansing and northern Michigan, instead of supporting our local businesses.

I understand Mr. Abbo has never even joined the Northville Chamber of Commerce. There is no evidence from his glossy mailings that he belongs to any service organizations or that he has been involved in his own Northville community — let alone Plymouth, Wayne or Canton.

Voters, the expensive glossy campaign mailings are a waste. He clearly does not have the best interests of Plymouth, Northville, Wayne or Canton residents at heart. Say "no" to Abbo on Aug. 8.

Bill Nowacki
Plymouth

Power misses mark

There are more than 14,000 reasons why Phil Power is wrong about "out-of-state extremists" backing Michigan's Stop OverSpending plan ("Stealth Campaign Would Ruin State," July 13.) They're the real, live Michigan members of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU), whose research arm, the NTU Foundation, Power slurred.

Neither NTU nor NTUF have chipped in money for the Michigan signature drive, and it may interest him to know that home-grown Michigan tax-fighter Richard Headlee served on NTU's Board of Directors for many years before he died.

Power points to Colorado's tax limit to warn that Michigan will suffer the same fate if voters enact the "Stop Over Spending" initiative. Yet, fate has been most kind to the Rocky Mountain state. With the major tenets of the Colorado measure still in place, the state has the highest per-capita income west of the Mississippi, and it boasts a 4.5 percent unemployment rate, compared to Michigan's 6 percent rate. In addition, Colorado ranked near or above the middle for high school graduation rates, average teacher salaries, and the National Education Association's 19-point evaluation of school spending (contrary to Power's misinformation, Colorado's tax limit does indeed apply to localities.)

But Power's biggest whopper is that the so-called Defend Michigan Coalition, which opposes limits on government, "seems to include just about every organization you ever heard of." Considering that the coalition's membership consists largely of labor unions, government associations, and beneficiaries of state funds, the author's definition of "every" would appear strange to the overburdened taxpayers who foot the bills for many of these groups' wish lists.

Pete Sepp
VP for Communications
National Taxpayers Union Foundation
Alexandria, Va

Public transit investment would move region forward

Michigan needs to join the 21st century and develop a sensible, affordable, and effective mass transit system. We are one of the only major metropolitan areas in the U.S., and the world, that does not have a workable transit system.

Perhaps with Michigan's economy being in the dump and gas prices sticking at \$3 per gallon, our policy makers will finally get serious about solving this problem which holds us back from getting around and economic resurgence. Southeastern Michigan will not roll out of the economic downturn that is an anchor on our economic viability without a transit system that can effectively and efficiently move people to school, work and shopping in a safe and affordable fashion.

Having just returned from the "Big Apple" and our nation's capital, and riding the subway and metro systems to get around, two observations come to mind:

1. Packed on the trains were people from all walks of life — from Wall Street investment bankers, policy wonks, construction workers, students, the young, old, black, white, Asian, and Hispanic, all traveling in harmony to work, school and play.

2. As I popped up from the subway holes like a gopher, I noticed massive economic activity around each station. The price of homes and businesses in proximity to the subway stations seemed to escalate as fast as the trains on which I rode.

I am hearing a noticeable difference in the opinions of people who in the past seemed to

be indifferent at best for the need for public transit. The student working in the Northville coffee shop and living in Trenton complains she may have to quit her job because she cannot afford the cost of traveling to and from work. The same moans come from the dental assistant who drives her F-150 Ford pick-up truck from Dearborn Heights to Bloomfield Hills each day.

Thankfully, change and optimism is once again in the air with the appointment of John Hertel, the former state senator and chairman of both Wayne and Macomb county's Board of Commissioners by the Chief Executives of Detroit, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. His role: to forge an agreement for a regional transit system for southeastern Michigan. If anyone can break this log jam, John Hertel can. Developing a rapid transit system along the Detroit-Ann Arbor and Detroit-Pontiac corridor would be a sensible start and an economic boom for the area.

There is much talk about "regional collaboration and cooperation" to spur economic development. Having our political leaders at the municipal, county and state level come together would be one tangible way to demonstrate that they are willing to truly turn their words into action.

There are millions of federal dollars on the table to help turn these transit dreams into reality. Michigan, long a donor state to the federal treasury, should make a major withdrawal of these federal dollars to help spur economic activity and provide our region with an effective, state-of-the-art transit system.

Remember, democracy is not a spectator sport. You can get engaged by contacting the bipartisan Public Transit Caucus leadership

Who to contact

- State Sen. Shirley Johnson
Chair, Appropriations Committee
E-mail: www.senate.mi.gov/johnson
- State Rep. Marie Donigan (D-Royal Oak)
E-mail: mariedonigan@house.mi.gov
- State Rep. Jerry Koolman (R-Grand Rapids)
E-mail: jerrykoolman@house.mi.gov
- State Sen. Bill Hardiman (R-Kentwood)
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Michigan Public Transit Association
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and telling them you want a transit system that can drive us into the 21st century.

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Congressional primary could forecast GOP future

Even if you don't live in Michigan's 7th Congressional District, which stretches from Ann Arbor's outskirts to Battle Creek, you'd do well to keep a close eye on the Aug. 8 Republican Primary.



Phil Power

For not only is it, by all odds, the most closely watched race in Michigan, the outcome may say a lot about the future of our state's GOP. The contest pits freshman U.S. Rep. John J. ("Joe") Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) against a former state representative and fundamentalist preacher from Lenawee County, Tim Walberg.

The 7th is usually a strong Republican district — though it has been known to vote for the occasional Democrat, like Bill Clinton.

The current congressman is a former Battle Creek mayor and 16-year state senator, who won this seat in 2004 after a five-man GOP primary in which he survived with 28 percent to 18 percent for Walberg, who finished third in that race.

But Walberg is pinning his hopes on the fact that Schwarz was the only "moderate" in that race; the "conservative" vote was split among his four opponents. Walberg, who hopes he'll pick up most of those who voted for neither man last time, says Schwarz is "out of touch" with the voters of his district.

Thanks to a hard right-wing legislative voting record, Walberg, 55, is backed by one of the state's most powerful lobbies, Michigan Right To Life. He's also received buckets of out-of-state money from the Washington D.C.-based, free-market Club for Growth.

But the 68-year-old Schwarz has an impressive array of solid Republican "credentials" of his own. He's been endorsed by President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, in addition to the Michigan Republican Party, Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Gene DeRossett (one of the men he defeated two years ago).

He's personally and politically close to U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) who has repeatedly campaigned for him.

The National Rifle Association will be sending out a district mailing giving Schwarz an "A" rating, and former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich appeared at a Schwarz fundraiser in Jackson last week.

This is not the record of a "liberal," though that's how Schwarz is being mischaracterized by his opponent. In fact, in today's politics, "conservative centrist" would be far closer to the mark. The congressman thinks our health care system needs to be reformed, but he's not in favor of socialized medicine.

He's opposed to gay marriage, but he doesn't think amending the Constitution is the best way to resolve social issues. He believes that abortion should be "safe, legal and rare."

Needless to say, Walberg is to his right on all counts.

To my mind, the most significant thing is not where the candidates stand on some right-left continuum, or who is endorsing whom. Rather, it's the stature of the candidates as people and what their candidacy signifies for the future of their party.

I've known Joe Schwarz for 20 years or so. I've watched him in action in the state senate, where he was the single most knowledgeable lawmaker in either party on higher education issues.

I've heard him talk about his careers as a Navy officer, as a CIA agent in Laos and Indonesia and as a medical doctor who still carries on his practice in Battle Creek. I've listened as he enthused about saving jobs in his district, including hundreds at the Air National Guard base near Fort Custer.

He's a big guy — six-two I'd guess — balding, smart, with a great sense of humor. He tolerates fools badly and has a quick temper. But he's an able, experienced legislator who knows how to get things done. He was ranked "Rookie of the Year" when he broke into the Michigan legislature in 1988 and rose all the way to "fourth most effective" in the Detroit News' rankings four years later. And he's already carved out an

impressive reputation in Washington, including being ranked among the top 10 most powerful freshmen in Congress.

Walberg, by contrast, has a record that could be charitably described as ... modest. In a 1988 Detroit News survey of legislators, staffers and lobbyists, Walberg ranked 141st out of 147 lawmakers. In the 1992 survey, he rose to 119th. His poor legislative ranking, perhaps, signifies how difficult it is for an intensely ideological legislator — in his case, hard right — to summon up enough support in any kind of democratic body to get things done.

And that, in turn, gets to the future of the GOP in Michigan. While true moderate Republicans like former Gov. William Milliken are rare today, there is evidence that a GOP dominated by right-wing ideologues may lose touch with many middle-of-the-road voters. Most surveys show Michigan about evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats, but with at least as many voters calling themselves independents and happily splitting their tickets. Michigan gave Gov. John Engler 62 percent of its votes in 1998, and four years later gave the same support to U.S. Sen. Carl Levin.

But if Walberg wins the GOP primary, he risks being so far to the right that he would be vulnerable to a Democrat who might appeal to moderate Republicans and independents. And if a Walberg victory in the primary is taken by Republican activists as a sign the party should tack farther to the right, the risk is that the GOP will be in for a long, hard slog to get back to the middle where most voters live.

And it is important to remember that apart from ideology, Joe Schwarz has the background, integrity and experience that are so seldom seen and are so greatly needed in Washington these days.

It's rare to see both politics and personality so aligned, but in Joe Schwarz voters have a chance to re-elect a truly distinguished man to represent them, and Michigan, in Washington.

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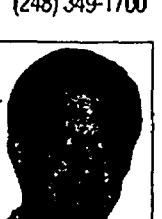
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Main Street, looking east from Center Street, circa 1972.

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY EXPO
DATE: Sunday, July 23
TIME: noon-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Township Fire Headquarters, 45745 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: This event will include police and fire vehicle demonstrations, child fingerprinting, bike rodeo, stove fire safety demonstration, medical flight helicopter, fire simulator and crime and fire prevention.
CONTACT: (248) 349-9400

CANDIDATE NIGHT
DATE: Tuesday, July 25
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Mill Race Village, Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Avenue
DETAILS: The Northville Democratic Club will host Democratic and non-partisan judicial, university trustee, and local state house and senate candidates. Denise Ilich, University of Michigan Board of Regents candidate, will be attending.
CONTACT: Carol Poenisch, (248) 349-6364

GOLF OUTING
DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 1:30 p.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Northville Hills Golf Club
DETAILS: This event is sponsored by The Optimist Club of Northville/Novi. Proceeds will benefit Northville and Novi youth with educational enhancement programs and scholarships.
CONTACT: Jim Keskey, (248) 380-8911 or e-mail jkeskey@aol.com

ART EXHIBIT
LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470
Gallery Artists
DATE: Through tomorrow
DETAILS: This is a group exhibit of Sherrus Gallery artists titled, "Awakenings II."
Rock and Roll
DATE: Aug. 4-31
DETAILS: "It's Only Rock n' Roll-And We Love It" exhibit featuring rock and roll roots. An opening reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4.

KNITTING CLASSES
DATE: Thursday, Aug. 10-31
TIME: Varies
LOCATION: Northville Candle & Gifts, 124 N. Center Street
DETAILS: Raya Khaït will be teaching this series of classes. The cost is \$80 per person; additional \$30 for starter kit. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 380-7059

ECLIPSE BASEBALL CLUB
DATE: Home games are: Sunday, Aug. 26 and Sept. 15-17
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Ford Field, Mill Race Village
DETAILS: This is a group of Northville business men playing baseball, using rules from 1869.

YOGA CLASS
DATE: Monday and Thursday through Aug. 3
TIME: Various
LOCATION: Tuesday, American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap St.; Thursday, Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: The cost is \$87 per person. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Diane Siegel-DiVita, (248) 344-0928

CLOCK CONCERTS
DATE: Friday through August
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown bandshell

ART WALK
DATE: First Friday of every month
TIME: 5-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Art galleries, arts and crafts stores and restaurants will be open; art demonstrations and exhibits available in shops.
CONTACT: Tom James, Northville Camera and Digital Imaging, (248) 349-0105

FARMERS MARKET
DATE: Thursday through Oct. 26
TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Downs parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads

DETAILS: More than 100 stalls include fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, garden art, crafts and home accessories. This is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Prestwick Estates of Northville Hills Golf Club.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

MASTER GARDENER CLASSES
DETAILS: Wayne County classes begin Aug. 15-Nov. 7
CONTACT: (313) 833-3412

MARQUIS THEATER
LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com
"Alice In Wonderland"
DATE: Various days, beginning Aug. 7-Sept. 24
TIME: Varies
DETAILS: Children ages 3 and under are not permitted. Tickets are \$8 per person.

GENITTI'S LITTLE THEATER
LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
Dinner Theater "Mocha Madness"
DATE: Various days through August
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Registration is required.
"The Frank Sinatra Tribute from Las Vegas"
DATE: Friday, Oct. 20
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Registration is required.

MAYBURY STATE PARK EVENTS
LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390
Explorer Program
DATE: Friday, "Frog and Toad Hunt"; Saturday, "Invent an Animal"; Tuesday, "Animal Scents"; Wednesday, "Rot Trot"; Thursday, "Furry Fun"
TIME: Varies
DETAILS: These one-hour programs, led by Explorer Guides, are for all ages. Registration is not required.
CONTACT: Karen, director of Explorer Program, (248) 349-3858 or visit www.friendsofmaybury.org

Maybury History Trail
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 30
DETAILS: This grand opening will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a virtual tour for those who cannot walk the length of the trail, family activities and the annual Northville Road Runner Classic (5K run, 5K walk and one-mile fun walk.) The trail is self-guided, commemorating the people who lived and worked at Maybury Sanatorium. Proceeds will benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan and Friends of Maybury State Park.
CONTACT: Gary Haf, (248) 231-6114

MAYBURY FARM PROGRAMS
TIME/DATE: noon-5 p.m., Friday through Sunday
LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road, look for the farm entrance sign
CONTACT: (248) 374-0200

LIBRARY LINES
LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m., Sunday
CONTACT: For information or to register for programs and request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020

SUMMER READING PROGRAM
DATE: Through July 31
DETAILS: The theme is "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." This program is for kids ages 2-12 and will include storytime, special events, reading games and weekly prize drawings. Registration is required.

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM
DATE: Through July 31
DETAILS: "Creature Feature" is the theme for this program. It is open to middle and high school students and will include prizes and activities.

INTERNET TRAINING
DATE: Saturday, July 29 and Aug. 12
TIME: 10 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: Volunteers will offer individualized assistance in general computer use, basic searching on the Internet and using e-mail. Registration is required.

COMEDY JUGGLER
DATE: Wednesday, July 26
TIME: 2-2:40 p.m.
DETAILS: Juggler, Tim Salisbury, will be performing for children of all ages. Due to space limitations, summer activities cannot accommodate preschool groups, daycare groups or day camps. One hundred free tickets available at the information desk 10 minutes prior to the program. Tickets are not available in advance.

CLAY CREATURES
DATE: Monday, July 24
TIME: 2 p.m.
DETAILS: This clay sculpting class is for middle and high school students. It will also include painting a window cling. Registration is required.

FRIENDS STORE
DETAILS: The Friends Store, located inside the library, offers a variety of gifts for all ages. All proceeds benefit the library.

BOOK DONATIONS
DETAILS: Used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library contributes to the collection and donates the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefiting the library. Donations are tax deductible. If you need assistance unloading books from your car, call (248) 349-3020 in advance to make arrangements.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS
DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Open to the public.

CHURCH EVENTS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org
Single Place Activities
DATE: Today, Discussion of the book, "Life is a Joke and God Wrote It," by Jerry Stanecki; July 27, picnic and concert
TIME: 7:30 p.m., social time; 8 p.m., program

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 374-5966
GRIEF SEMINAR
DATE: Saturday
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: This workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Adults learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge and registration is not required.
CONTACT: Carol, (248) 374-5966
Single Adults
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
College Age
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 10:20 a.m.
CONTACT: Mark Tarpinian, (248) 347-3525

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144
Summer Worship Services
DETAILS: 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
TIME: 4 p.m.
Grief Support Group
DATE: Fourth Monday of every month
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Registration is not required.
CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net



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Future boy band?

"Tunes on Tuesday" fans hang on a sculpture as they listen to Guy Louis during a musical concert held at the Bandshell in downtown Northville.

SENIOR EVENTS

Thursday, July 20
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
9:30 a.m.: Yoga
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Tai Chi
5:30 p.m.: "Honus and Me" at the Purple Rose Theatre
By appointment: Massage
Friday, July 21
10 a.m.: Strength Training
11 a.m.: Singles Mingle Meeting
1 p.m.: Movie: She's The Man
By appointment: Massage
Monday, July 24
10 a.m.: Line Dance
10 a.m.: Oxygise I
11 a.m.: Oxygise II
noon: Blood Pressure
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
Tuesday, July 25
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
5:30 p.m.: "Honus and Me" at the Purple Rose Theatre
Wednesday, July 26
9 a.m.: The Michigan Princess Trip
9 a.m.: Strength Training
10 a.m.: Oxygise Level I
11 a.m.: Oxygise Level II
noon: Bridge
By appointment: Foot Reflexology

SENIOR OLYMPICS
DATE: Aug. 21-25
DETAILS: This is the second annual Wayne County Senior Olympics. Various events, including a softball throw, baking contest, bridge card game, bocce ball and walk will be offered. This event is hosted by the City of Northville, Northville Township and the Northville Senior Community Center.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

BOARD GAMES
DATE: Tuesday, ongoing
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

ONGOING CARD GAMES
Bridge
TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m., Wednesday
Pinochle (double deck)
TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday
Pinochle (single deck)
TIME/DAY: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Friday

Euchre
TIME/DAY: 12:30 p.m., Monday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

HEALTH WALKING
DATE: Monday-Friday
TIME: 8-10 a.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center gym, 303 W. Main St.

MILL RACE MATTERS

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE
LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday, July 20: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Private Tour, 11:30 a.m.; Rehearsal, 6 p.m.; Northville Historical Society Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday, July 21: Archives open, 9 a.m.
Saturday, July 22: Photo Shoot, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wedding, 4:15-6:15 p.m.
Sunday, July 23: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; King's 8th, 10 a.m.; Village open, 1-4 p.m.; Eclipse Baseball, noon
Monday, July 24: Heirloom Rug Hookers, 10 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4:15 p.m.; Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 25: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Northville Democratic Club, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 27: Archives Open, 9 a.m.; Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
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BABY WALK VOLUNTEERS
DETAILS: The non-profit statewide organization, "Tomorrow's Child, Michigan Sudden Infant Death Syndrome," needs volunteers to serve as team captains for the second annual Baby Walk. The walk will be Sept. 17 at Maybury State Park. Team captains will recruit friends and family to participate. Teams are collecting pledges for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome research.
CONTACT: Carol, (248) 650-3729 or visit www.tomorrowchildmi.org

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS
DETAILS: Families are needed to host foreign exchange students for fall 2006. The commitment is to provide a caring home with a room and meals.
CONTACT: Judy Morante, (248) 380-7390

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DATE: Ongoing
TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace, (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna, (248) 348-1761

CAMERA CLUB
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbcglobal.net, Ken Naigus at kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

ARTS COMMISSION
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

HOUSING COMMISSION
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE
DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St.
CONTACT: (248) 344-1618

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

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Primary election campaign sprouting signs of confusion

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

City of Northville residents passing black-and-yellow political signs might be asking themselves, "Vote Yes Aug. 8" on what?

Northville Township public safety and shared services millage proponents have dotted the city with signs, creating questions for residents ineligible to vote on the proposals.

Only Northville Township residents will vote on proposals seeking 4.7 mills for public safety and .875 mills for shared services.

"I can see why people are being confused, with signs in and around the city," said City Manager Patrick Sullivan. "I personally haven't fielded any questions."

In May, city council members scrapped a ballot proposal to pay for senior, recreation and youth assistance programming after learning they would have to amend the city's charter to pursue a dedicated millage. They opted instead to continue paying for police, fire and shared services from the city's general fund.

Meanwhile, township leaders approved two Aug. 8 proposals seeking to continue funding

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Patrick Sullivan
City Manager, City of Northville

shared services and public safety services via dedicated millage.

City Clerk Dianne Massa said the Aug. 8 ballot proposals city and township residents will vote on Aug. 8 are: primary races for governor; U.S. senator and representative; state senator and representative; county executive, commissioner and convention delegate, district and circuit court judges.

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or via e-mail at mjohnston@gannett.com.

PROBE: Stewart's use of museum mailing permit still under review

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met Wednesday night with the board and is hopeful of completing his investigation early this week.

"It's a fairly rapid response for a board that only heard of things last Monday," Thoms said. "The fact I'm already investigating tells you the museum is taking this very seriously."

"We received a sheet of many allegations, and I'm looking into all of them," he added. "Some, I think, are rumor. Some may have factual basis. I won't comment on any of them until I can spend adequate time investigating."

Margaret Dunning, museum benefactor who donated the museum building and financed a \$1.3 million expansion that was

completed in February 2002, said the board was taken by surprise by the allegations.

"We were very unaware of any problems. We didn't have any intentions of doing anything wrong," Dunning said. "It's a blow. I feel rather shook up. Not only for me, but also the many people in the community who help and contribute to the museum."

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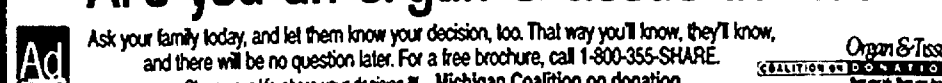
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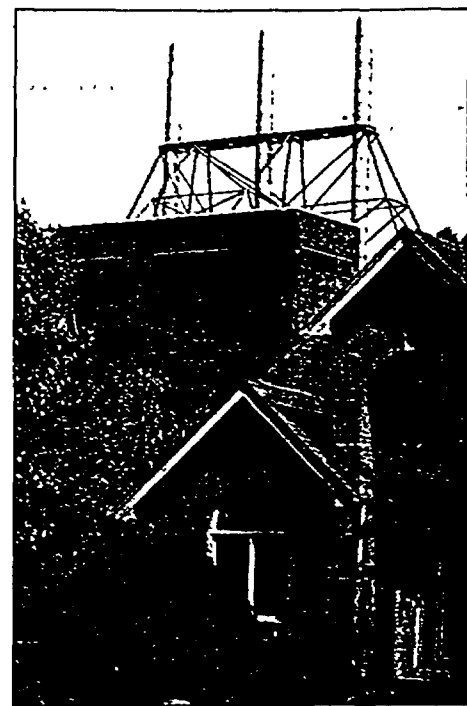


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RAISING HIGHWOOD



Linda Wagner has looked out her Northville Trails backyard and viewed the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital power plant building.



For years, the smokestacks have loomed behind the stately homes of Northville Trails.



Fuel storage drums, used to power the nearby Hawthorne Center on Haggerty Road, are visible to many Northville Trail homeowners.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

\$500M development proposal stirs local debate, concern

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Disruption ahead

William Gorsuch doesn't want to lose the ambiance he's enjoyed for the past 14 years.

With the fate of the 49-year-old Northville Trails resident's backyard resting in the hands of the property developers, Gorsuch said he is dreading forthcoming construction.

"It's been quiet for many years," he said. "The hospital was a good neighbor."

"They never bothered us, and we had a beautiful backyard of woods that went straight back to Seven Mile Road. Now, I'll be lucky to have about 400 feet."

Gorsuch is among several township residents concerned about losing the undisturbed woods they've built their homes around and have enjoyed looking at for many years.

"At one time, there was a plan to have an office building (built) immediately behind our subdivision," Gorsuch said. "We fought against that development, but I don't think we can this time."

"It will be a lot of noise, more crowded and I'll possibly have people in my backyard. I would rather have the hospital behind me than the construction."

According to the property developers, the retail segment of the proposed "Highwood" development will be constructed on the eastern portion of the property, while five neighborhoods will be built on the western side, behind Gorsuch.

"It's beautiful right now ... just like being Up North," he said. "Soon the bulldozers will be about 300 feet away and in the winter, I'll see homes."

"(Homes are) certainly better than commercial and office buildings, but now I'm concerned that I'm going to be looking at a wall of garages."

According to the proposed plan, Gorsuch will also have a walking trail close to the edge of his property.

"The construction of the trail might be a problem," he said. "My concern is are they going to cut down trees? I don't want them to ruin the woods in order to put in a trail."

Gorsuch said he also dreads the trash thrown onto his property from trail walkers.

"I'll be out there once a week," he said. "Once a week I'll be out there with a trash barrel to pick up the trail."

"My objective might be to keep the trail away from me, but the township has other plans. They'll see the

"It's been quiet for many years. The hospital was a good neighbor."

William Gorsuch
Resident, Northville Trails

trail as a gem to the community, just like in Hines Park."

No more traffic

Aside from trash and construction, traffic concerns weigh heavily on the minds of many residents facing the future Highwood development.

AJ Davis and his wife, Karen Greig, live in Grand View Acres, on a dirt road that faces the former hospital along Seven Mile Road. They said "slow, children at play" signs don't stop speeders from zooming down their once quiet street.

"People do 60-70 mph down these roads now," said Karen. "Traffic is already crazy on Seven Mile Road. I can't imagine what it's going to be like once they put in all those houses and stores."

Davis said residents trying to turn out of his subdivision onto Seven Mile Road, from Fry or Maxwell streets, wait quite a long time.

"We don't want any of these streets paved in fear of even more speeders," Karen said. "I'm not opposed to the construction, but I'd rather have bigger lots with less homes, and more traffic lights to even out the congestion."

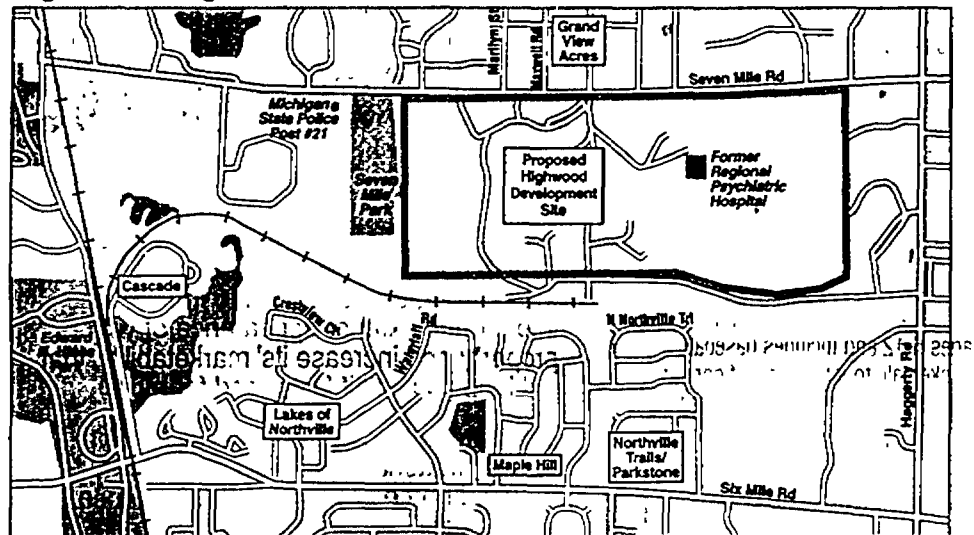
Edward Huyck said even before Wayne County put in a center lane on Seven Mile, traffic was almost unbearable.

"This construction will be creating an even bigger problem," said Huyck, of Maxwell Street. "They have to widen Seven Mile Road. That would be the logical conclusion."

Huyck said he also fears the future development will draw in more traffic and speeders to his once quiet subdivision.

"Most of the residents in this neighborhood are life-long residents," he said. "Any change in traffic will (jeopardize) the flavor of the neighborhood."

Highwood Neighborhoods



SOURCE: Northville Township

"The developers have picked areas out for high priced occupancy. They'll try to pack as many people into that parcel to get their money and it's going to comprise everything from traffic flow to quality."

Davis agrees the serenity of their neighborhood is at risk.

"Thirty years ago, you could have sat on the corner of Seven Mile and Fry and only counted 10 cars," he said. "Now it's impossible to count. It scares me to think what this area will become."

Fine, for now

When Richard and Jeanne Storm moved to Lakes of Northville in 1990, they thought they'd found the perfect four-year-old ranch-style home to accommodate their emptying nest.

Now their neighborhood faces a new fate: more traffic along nearby Winchester Drive.

"That road going through is going to be a major issue," Jeanne said.

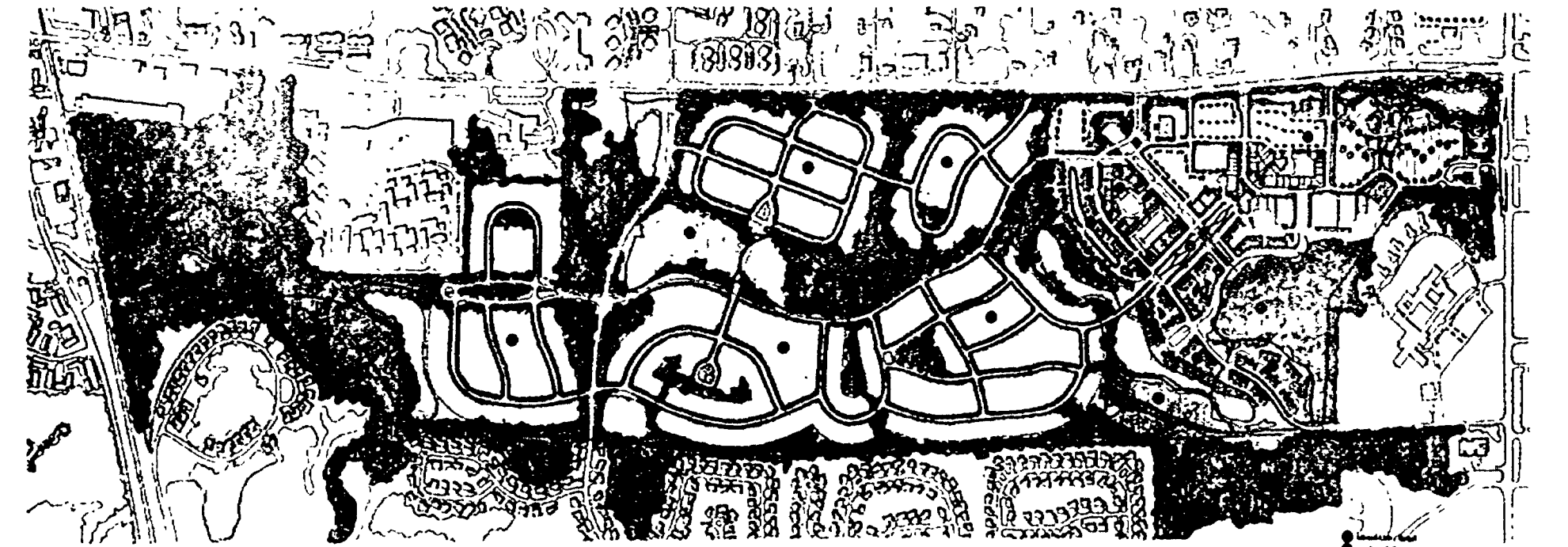
Richard Storm, an automotive industry retiree, said slow home sales and a shaky Michigan economy make him think the Seven Mile Road project might not be right around the corner.



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"The big building boom might not happen for a while," Richard said. "Whoever gets it, it might be a long while before they get in there."

"When it's a done deal, when it gets down to the nitty-gritty, when it gets down to the kind of homes that are being built, people will be interested again."



■ Preparing for Highwood

• Highwood: a residential-commercial-office development proposal named by the developers to represent the high elevation and plush forest located on the 414-acre former Northville Psychiatric Hospital site.
• Five neighborhoods, ranging from low

density multi-family to single-family homes

- Total residential units: 1,087
- Commercial: 481,900 square feet
- Medical office: 56,000-square-foot
- 120-unit senior residential community
- About 44 acres of mixed retail use

- Open space: 100 acres
- A 6.5 mile trail system will connect every neighborhood and blend into the village center
- Land will be donated to the Northville Public School District for a future elementary school

• Developers are asking for a \$15 million brownfield tax abatement for demolition of 21 buildings and four smaller structures.

— Tracy Mishler, Northville Record Staff Writer

Legend:
 • Medical Office
 • Senior Residential Community
 • Middle-Grade Academy
 • Elementary School
 • Single-Family Residential Neighborhood
 • High-Family Residential Neighborhood
 • Proposed Parks and Open Space
 • Waterway
 • Proposed Single-Family Residential Project

WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St., back entrance of Hillside Middle School

CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities, (248) 349-0203 or visit: www.northvilleparksandrec.org

TUNES ON TUESDAY

DATE: Tuesday, ongoing
LOCATION: Downtown bandshell

TIME: 11 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: These are free summer childrens concerts sponsored by Northville Parks and Recreation and the Downtown Development Authority.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

DATE: Monday-Thursday through August
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads

DETAILS: These camps are for ages 5-12. The resident fee is \$160 per week, \$245 per two-week registration and \$860 for eight weeks; non-resident fees apply. Campers will go on weekly field trips. Activities include games, sports, crafts, art and drama. Registration is required.

ART PROJECTS

DATE: Tuesday through Aug. 8
TIME: 5:30-6:15 p.m.
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

DETAILS: Projects are based on letters of the alphabet each week. This class is for toddlers and their caregivers. The fee is \$82 per resident; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.

ALL SPORTS CAMP

DATE: Aug. 14-18
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville High School Plateau, located behind Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

DETAILS: This camp is for ages 6-12 and includes baseball, basketball, touch football, floor hockey, volleyball and whirleball. The fee is \$150 per resident; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.

FOOTBALL CAMP

DATE: Aug. 7-11
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville High School Plateau, located behind Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

DETAILS: This camp, for ages 6-12, will teach the basic fundamentals of the game of football including daily scrimmages and contests. There will be no tackling or physical contact. The fee is \$150 per resident; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.

BASKETBALL CAMP

DATE: July 31-Aug. 4
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This camp, for sixth-eighth grade students, will teach the basics of basketball, game situations, floor awareness, rebound positioning and ball movement. It will also include individual dribbling, passing and shooting techniques as well as rebounding, blocking out and defensive awareness. The fee is \$150 per resident; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.

T-BALL CAMP

DATE: Monday through Friday
TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This camp is for children ages 5-6. Campers will learn the basics of throwing, catching, batting, running the bases, concentrating on where to throw the ball and when to run when a ball is hit. The fee is \$75 per resident; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.

ALL SPORTS CAMP

DATE: Monday through Friday
TIME: 1-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This camp is for children ages 5-6. Campers will receive group and individual instructions focusing on the

basic fundamentals of floor hockey, basketball, soccer, touch football and kickball. The fee is \$75 per resident; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.

WOMEN'S NETBALL

DATE: Friday, ongoing
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: Netball is a game from Britain based loosely on basketball rules.
CONTACT: (248) 449-9947

PLAY AND MAKE MUSIC

TIME/DATE: Various times; Tuesday-Friday, ongoing
LOCATION: Soccer Zone, 41550 Grand River Ave., Novi
DETAILS: This music and exercise class is for children under 4 and their caregivers. The class will include rhythm instruments, puppets, song and creative movements. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

OPEN BASKETBALL

DATE: Every Sunday
TIME: 6-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.



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Rock'n and roll'n

Guy Louis sings, plays guitar and entertains a "Tunes on Tuesday" crowd at downtown Northville's bandshell.

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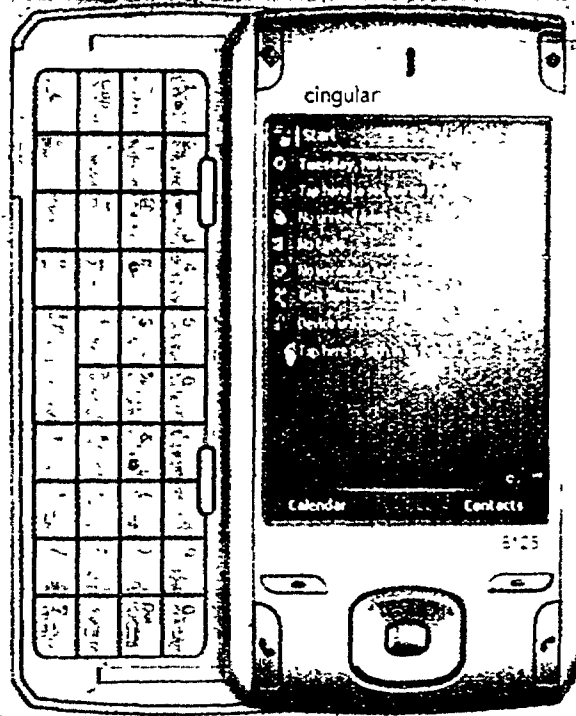


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There's no better time of year to get good food cooking than summer when all the veggies and fruits are fresh and ready for the kitchen.

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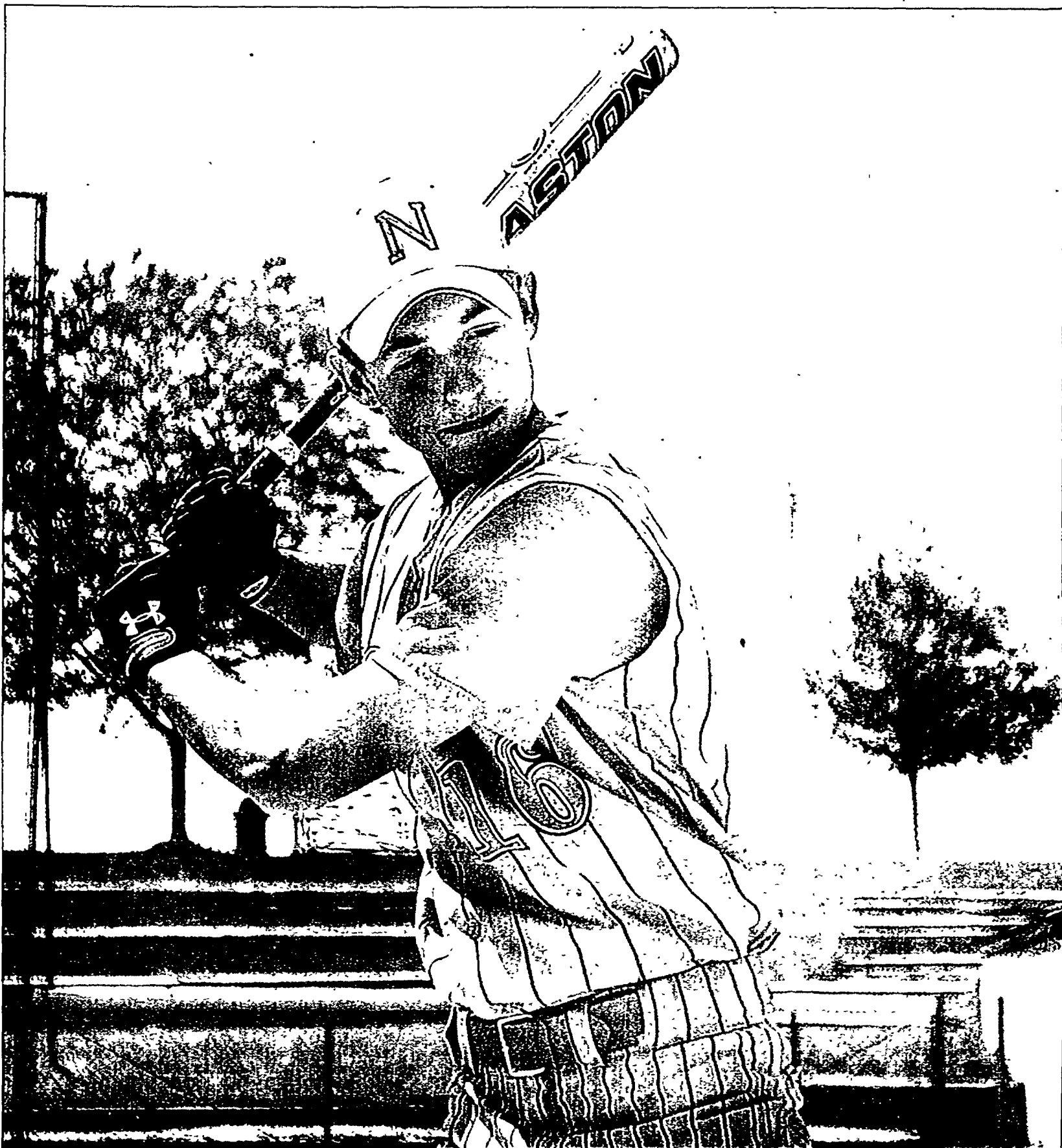
Local teams score wins

Several local teams had outstanding summer seasons, capturing tournament titles and qualifying for the national championships.

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RECORD SPORTS



Andrew Distler is ready to go to bat for the Northville Broncos during the NABF World Series. The tournament, hosted annually by Northville, begins July 25.

Earning a Red Shirt takes time

You've heard of the Red Hat Society, but what about the Red Shirt Crew?

Most people haven't. Even those who've seen the crew in action hardly notice they're around. But they are, and come next week when the National Amateur Baseball Federation U16 World Series rolls into Northville like it has each summer for the past 23 years, you'll have a chance to see them working hard to keep things moving smooth.

"This tournament couldn't be held without volunteers," said NABF tournament director David Jerome. "We're very lucky to have them."

Though there are quite a few Red Shirts to be seen at the tournament, it's not an honor handed out to just anyone. Each and every person sporting the stylish shirt sporting the words "NABF Grounds Crew" received it as a gift for their volunteer work during the World Series.

To qualify for a shirt, volunteers had to be a part of the program for three years and being a parent with a player on the team didn't count, said Jerome.



Sam Eggleston
— Record Sports —

Jerome would know. He, his wife Kathi and his daughter Leah all have a red shirt with their names on it. Jerome, who took over for Bob Frellick as tournament director, has worn every had the tournament requires. To this day he supervises everything from field reservations to fund-raising events and clean up. In 2002, he was named the NABF Man of the Year.

His wife, named NABF Woman of the Year in 2005, inherits the head scorekeeping job this year while his daughter continues her editing of the tourney's program while balancing school at Alma College.

One of the coaches of this year's team, Leroy Asher, has his second son playing this season and spent four years volunteering for the program. Joining him with a red shirt is Stacey Badeen, who is in charge of the banquet and catering after previously working on concessions and decorating the field with the softball teams she coached.

Scott Baldwin, who has been involved in Northville athletics for years, will act as director of one of the World Series sites this year. The treasurer for more than 20 years, Dan Bastian is back again this year. In his time with the program he has seen his son, who is now a doctor, play in the series. He also threw out the first pitch in 2002.

Well-known Northville names include Bob Thom, Dan Boland and Jim Cicala. Cicala's wife, Mary, and Thom's wife, Shirley, have also earned shirts along with Rev. Kent Clise, who has read invocation at the banquet for a number of years and plays the role of host for the guest speaker. Joining them is Northville High School coaching legend Donald "Dutch" VanNgen, who is 77 years old but still finds time to coach, play and is the head announcer at the second field where the tournament is held.

The list continues with Marty Gilchrist, a scorekeeper; Hank Lamp, who is in charge of mechanical work to keep the field maintained; Jim Long, the scorekeeper for the final game. Don McCulloch, the head announcer of the entire World Series who threw out the first pitch in 2005; Rev. Jim Russel, who has prayed at the opening

SWINGING FOR THE FENCES

Will this year's NABF World Series be another home run for Northville?

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It's back! The National Amateur Baseball Federation U16 World Series tournament has once again been bid to the city of Northville as host for the 24th year.

With a quarter of a century of hosting the World Series, some might think it's becoming old hat for the town. Think again.

"This is a great time of year for baseball fans," said tournament director David Jerome. "Everyone can come out and watch some great teams play right here in Northville."

Included on that list is the host team, the Northville Broncos. The Broncos are coached by Rich Welch, who also wears a junior varsity baseball cap as a coach for the Northville High School Mustangs. His assistant is Leroy Asher, who has been involved with the tournament for a number of years, even earning a "Red Shirt" for his years of volunteer service. Also joining them will be assistant coach Dick Anderson.

There are some changes to this year's tournament that are expected to increase the intensity of the World Series.

The first major change is that of venue. Traditionally the tournament has been hosted

■ Looking for NABF World Series alumni

It's time to dust off the cleats and stretch out one more time for the second annual NABF alumni game.

If you took part in a NABF Junior World Series game over the past 24 years you are invited to come on out and relive a bit of your past. We will supply the Ben Gay for those sore muscles after the game.

The game will be held at 6 p.m. July 29 at the Hillside diamond. Please contact Carl Galletti at carlgalletti@comcast.net to let him know you can make it. If you don't get a chance to call just show up!

at Hillside Field, known in the area as an "easy" home run park. Instead, the Broncos will open the tournament next Thursday at Northville High School.

"We are very excited about our new facilities," said Jerome. "Hillside is a great field and we're going to miss it, but being able to host the games at the new high school field is something we're looking forward to."

Another change in the tournament format is the number of teams participating. This year Northville will play host to eight teams instead of the traditional 10. The first game is scheduled for 9 a.m. next Thursday at the high school, located on Six Mile Road between Sheldon and Beck roads.

Though the Broncos haven't had much success in the tournament in the past, that's another change the home squad is hoping for. This year they boast several returning players to the



Bronco Mary Larouerer will have a chance to face some of the country's best players in his age group.

line up and will be looking to make an impact when they begin play at 3 p.m. at the high school next Thursday.

This year's team includes: Jesse Carpenter, Kevin Uetz, Ross Riehl, Nick Balow, Kyle Asher, Joe Mitchell, Andrew Distler, Marty LaRouere, Steve Anderson, Andy Close, Chris Fisher, Mike Pape, Mike Collins and Andy Omillian.

The tournament kicks off, as every year, with an opening ceremony and the first pitch.

Throwing the ball to open the 2006 NABF World Series will be Scott Baldwin, a long-time local coach from the youth to the high school level. He is also a long-time volunteer with the World Series in Northville.

"We're excited for this year's World Series," Jerome said. "It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone involved."

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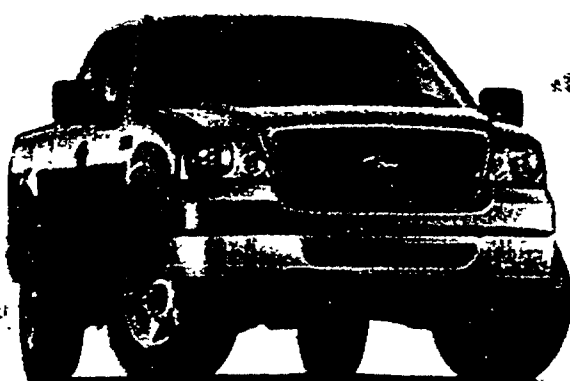
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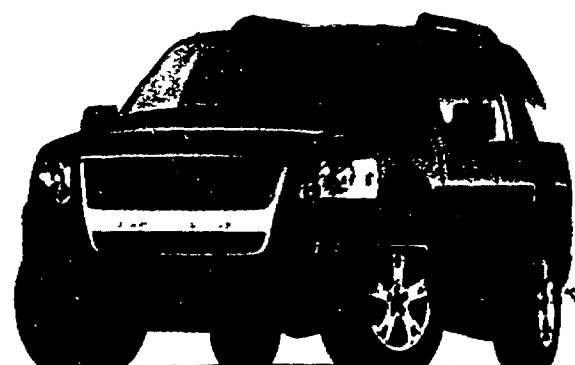


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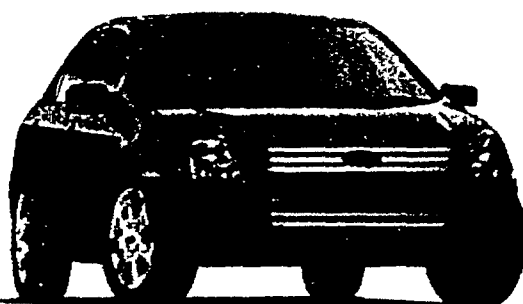


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RED SHIRT: Volunteers honored

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ceremonies over the past 10 years; Northville High School coach Todd Sander, who goes to every game either umpiring, working the field or running errands; Beth Schumacher, working behind the scenes as Dave Jerome's office manager; Brian Spencer, the statistician; Mike Thomas, who used to do all the necessary tasks that has to be done to get the show going who moved to Georgia but still faithfully pitches in; and Lynn Frellick Zelek, a score keeper who also works the grounds dragging the field.

And though you may not believe it, there are still a few more to be mentioned. Like any good thing, the best was saved for last. John Edwards, the head of the grounds crew, shows up at 5:30 a.m. on opening day and puts the flag up for all to see before he toils to get the field ready for the tournament. He works on everything from the mound to be batter's boxes to the first pitch in 2003.

Joining him is the Frellick Family. Bob Frellick, considered Northville's "Mr. Baseball" and honored with a plaque at Hillside Field last year, founded the Junior Division in Northville in 1983. He worked as the director for 16 years. He retired to North Carolina but still takes time away to come back for two weeks to assist in the tournament.

His wife, Charlene, has been by

his side since the beginning, working as the head scorekeeper, running T-shirt sales and contributing as the master organizer. She was selected as the NABF Woman of the Year for her work.

The Frellick's son, Dean, has done everything. He was a bat boy, the official scorer, a player, a coach and an umpire over the years.

Also making the NABF World Series a family affair are the Gallettis. Carl takes care of the mound and the bullpen and became the Assistant Tournament Director in 2002. He threw out the first pitch in 2004 and in 2005 was named the NABF Man of the Year.

His wife, Kathy, heads concessions and their son, Tony, played for two years before acting as the tournament "troubleshooter" and helping solve the problems that come up.

Dave Jerome said it right when he said a project as big as the NABF tournament can't be done without the help of a lot of generous people.

"You have to bid to host the NABF World Series and we've had other cities bid more than us," he said. "Why do they keep letting us host it? Because of the people who volunteer. Why do we volunteer? So the kids can play."

"That's what makes our volunteers so important."

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SPORTS SHORTS

Volleyball camp

A volleyball camp for athletes grades 3rd-9th is currently taking registrations through Novi Community Education. The camp will be packed with instruction, techniques and drills a player needs to play basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on the fundamentals of volleyball.

Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity volleyball coach is \$70. It will run from July 24-28 and will be held at the Novi High School Field House.

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Girls and boys shooting camps

A shooting camp for boys and girls grades 2nd-9th is currently taking registrations through Novi Community Education. The camp will be packed with instruction, techniques and drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on three-point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble and spot shooting. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required.

Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity boys basketball coach Pat Schluter, is \$70. It will run from July 24-28 and will be held at the Novi High School Field House.

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Girls and boys basketball camp

Future basketball players, grades K-2nd, are invited to learn basket-

ball skills and build confidence. Emphasis will be placed on dribbling, pivoting, passing, lay-ups and shooting. Gym clothes and shoes are required. The camp will run July 24-28.

Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity boys basketball coach Pat Schluter, is \$70. It will be run at Novi Meadows 5 gym.

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Broncos stampede!

The 11U Broncos won the Lansing BPA Dog Days of Summer Tournament with a 9-0 win over Kalamazoo Vipers in the championship game. The Broncos earned an undefeated tournament record (3-0). Pictured are (left to right): first row: Brian Huber, Thomas Huber, Joe Lawless, Tanner Waterstreet, Matt Stojkov, Mathew Huber; second row: Spencer Conn, Ben Bloom, Robert Peraino, Brandon Patrone, Zach Walters, Billy Mitchell; Coaches: Joe Stojkov, Joe Peraino, Steve Patrone and Jeff Walters.



Submitted Photo

Volcanoes erupt!

The NBSA Girls Primary League Volcanoes celebrated their runner-up finish in the league tournament. The Volcanoes finished the year with the most earned runs in the regular season. Pictured are: top row (left to right): Clare Riley, Catherine Loschiavo, Liz Maier, Lizzie Sakorafis, Rachel Gold, Alex Rodriguez, Halle Blins, and Allison Iafate; bottom row: Shelby Mroz, Ali Kozerski, Meg Girvan, Rachael Paslawski, Arielle Iafate and Micaela Donnelly.



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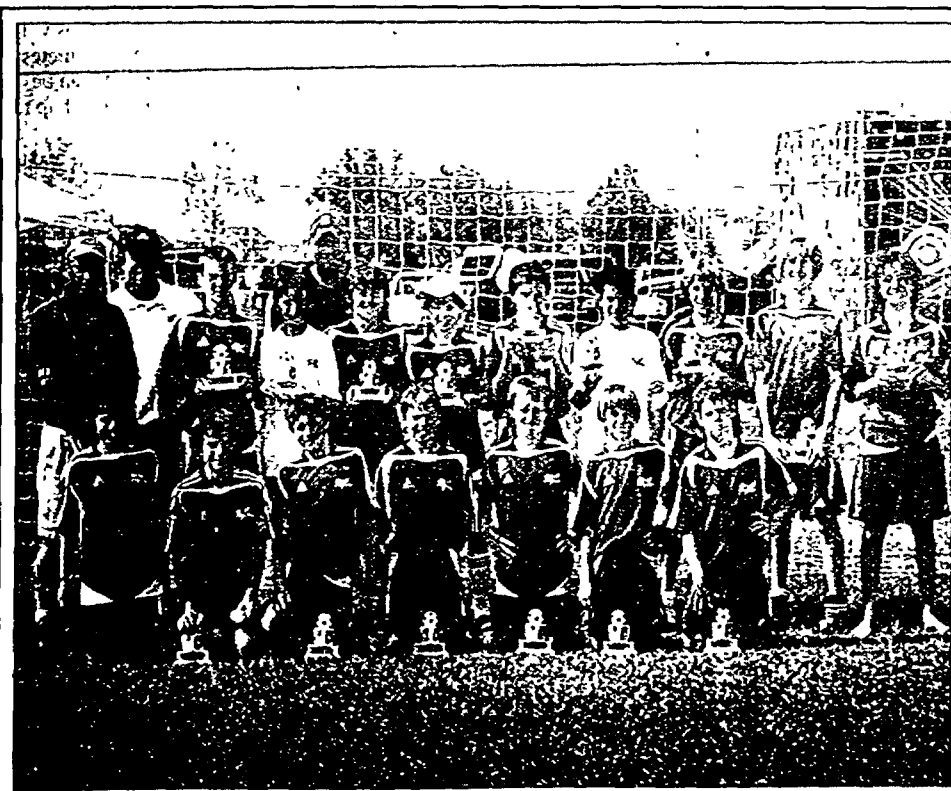
The U14 Michigan Hawks soccer team had a ton of regional success, winning the tournament with a 5-0 record to advance to the national tourney. In pool play they beat Wisconsin, 7-0, ELA Elite-Illinois, 3-0, and South Dakota, 2-0. During the semifinal game, the Hawks earned with a shootout with the final going to the seventh shooter in the lineup. The finals game was against the Eclipse from Illinois and the Hawks won, 1-0, with two minutes left in the second overtime. Northville representatives on the team are sophomore Kayla Hogan and freshmen Kelsey Fiscus and Caroline Castelli.



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Premier soccer wins title

The Northville Premier U15 boys soccer team recently captured the 2006 MSPSP championships, becoming what is said to be the first title for Northville. Included on the team are: top row (left to right): Coach Tony Deacon, John Matzis, Christopher Long, Brian Finley, Bobby Laski, Nathan Hrivnak; middle row: Edwin David, Max Wujczyk, Cameron Burdette, John Donikian, Arthur Huerta; bottom row: Trenton Buycks, Joshua Pascarella, Michael Simms, Nick Kristock, Alec Iwasko, Scott Santoro and James Dutcher (not shown).



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Jags are champs!

The Novi Jaguars U12 Boys Green won the Pacesetter Invitational and the Northern Ohio Cup during their season. Pictured are: Coaches: Brian Tinnlon, Paul Tinnlon, Mark Howell; Team: Zack Masserant, Chase Steele, Mark Kalaj, Andrew Bock, Joey Kamal, Brock Krygler, Trevor Hilden, Joe Schubring, Chase Jabbori, Chris Parks, John DeLeon, Neil Zech, Joey Tinnlon, Jacob, Prudhomme, Tyler Hoffman, Torin MacGregor and Alex Brusher.



Submitted Photo

Go Yankees!

The Yankees softball team finished first in a very competitive girls Intermediate league for the 2006 season. Pictured are (from left to right): front row: Nicole Albrant, LeAnn Dimitroff, Casey Dancer, Emily Mulcrone; second row: Maggie Stewart, Kayla Cannon, Colleen McBride, Emily Keenan; third row: Marissa Salvia, Lisa Rice, Lauren Colasanti, Shannon Sargent, Jessica Resnick; Assistant Coach Bob Dancer, Coach Henry Stewart, Assistant Coach Dan Resnick; not pictured Assistant Coach John Keenan.

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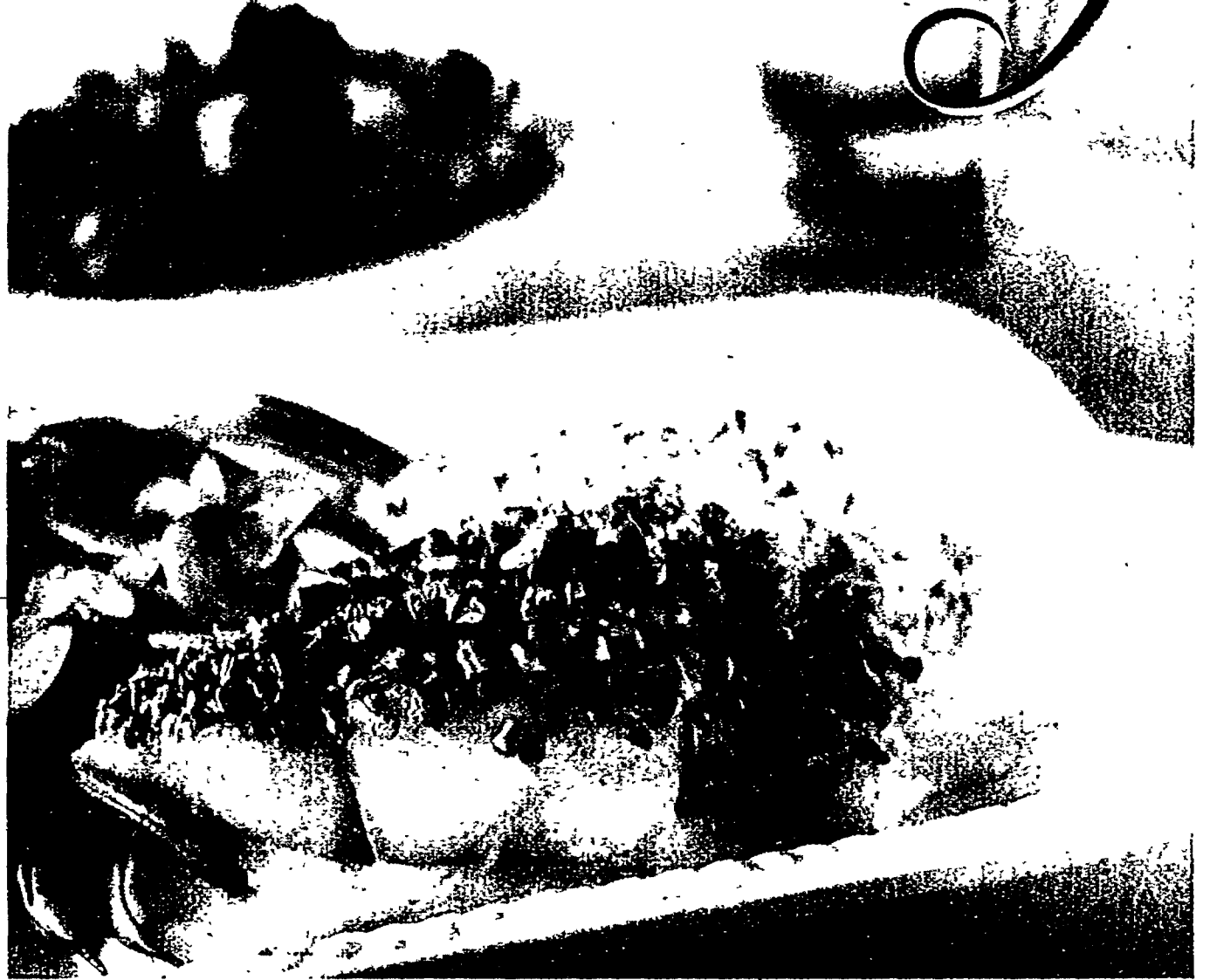
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FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're celebrating birthdays, hosting a friend's bridal or baby shower, honoring the graduate, or simply gathering the family for a sunny Sunday brunch, occasions abound in summer for easy and elegant entertaining at home. Denise Vivaldo, a celebrity caterer who has hosted more than 10,000 parties, cites that the most important element to successful entertaining is to ensure that as much prep work as possible is done in advance. "Professionals can cook for large groups quickly because they have sous chefs doing the prep work. When entertaining at home, my meal magician is this gadget called the Magic Bullet — it chops, dices, purees, whips and grates my ingredients so I can prepare meals quickly while limiting kitchen clutter."

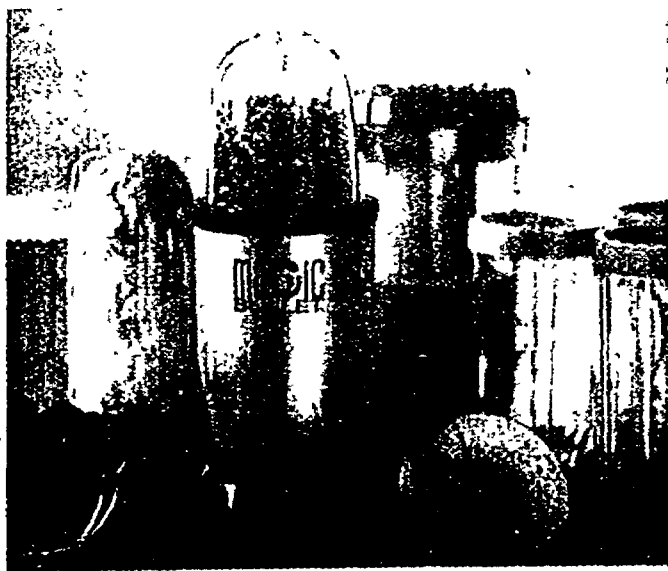
Vivaldo's Springtime Party Menu, adapted from her latest book "Do It For Less! Parties" offers up four mouth-watering dishes that take advantage of the season's bounty of fresh ingredients and are appropriate for any midday party. These recipes serve 12, but can easily be cut down or multiplied based on party size.



Timesaving Tips in the Kitchen

Entertaining can be relaxing and rewarding, especially if you streamline the cooking process, which can allow you time to socialize with guests. The Magic Bullet — a sleek, compact, all-in-one food-processing machine — can help eliminate time-intensive prep work. It is also helpful in preparing a multitude of items, including:

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- Whipping cream for delectable desserts or to top coffee
- Blending smoothies, eggnog and Bellinis
- Chopping nuts or creating homemade breadcrumbs for breading



The Magic Bullet is available for purchase at www.buythebullet.com and at all major retail outlets, including Target, Wal-Mart, Walgreen's, and Bed Bath & Beyond.

Pecan-Crusted Halibut Fillets

- 12 (4-ounce) halibut fillets, skinned
- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 7 ounces pecans
- 1 3/4 cups plain breadcrumbs
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Combine flour, salt and pepper in mixing bowl.
3. In another bowl, whisk eggs and mustard.
4. Using the Magic Bullet, finely chop pecans in small bullet cup.
5. In third bowl, combine chopped pecans and breadcrumbs.
6. Set the 3 bowls in a row, with baking pan at end for placing fillets. First dredge each fillet in flour, shaking excess back into bowl. Then dip fillet in egg mixture to coat, and place in pecan mixture. Press lightly to coat both sides of fillet with nuts and place fillet on baking sheet. Repeat with remaining fillets. (Fillets can be refrigerated up to 2 hours before sautéing.)
7. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in large sauté pan over medium heat. Add as many fillets as will comfortably fit in pan. Cook about 3 minutes per side, or until light brown. (Fillets can be drained on paper towels and refrigerated up to 6 hours before baking.)
8. Arrange sautéed fillets on baking sheets and bake 10 to 15 minutes, or until cooked through. Serve with Dijon Cream Sauce.

Helpful Hint: To make chopping nuts easier, add a little sugar to bullet cup. Pulse to keep from grinding nuts too finely.

Dijon Cream Sauce

- 1 1/3 cups heavy whipping cream
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- Salt and black pepper to taste

1. Combine cream and mustard in bullet cup and process until combined.
2. Pour mixture into large saucepan; heat on low until warm.
3. Season sauce with salt and pepper to taste and ladle over fillets.

Baby Greens With Champagne Vinaigrette

- 2 1/4 ounces Champagne vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
- 1 1/8 cups extra-virgin olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 pound mixed baby greens salad

1. Combine vinegar, mustard, mayonnaise, salt and olive oil in tall bullet cup. Process until emulsified. (Dressing can be made 1 day in advance and stored in refrigerator.)
2. Just before serving, place some baby greens in individual salad bowl and drizzle with vinaigrette.
3. Using tongs or hands (wear disposable plastic gloves), toss salad until well coated. Add more dressing to taste, being careful not to overdress leaves.
4. Repeat with remaining baby greens and vinaigrette.

Strawberries and Chantilly Cream

- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 pints large strawberries, cleaned, hulled, and sliced

1. Place cream, sugar and vanilla in tall bullet cup. Pulse until sugar is dissolved.
2. Continue beating mixture until cream forms soft peaks. (Dip can be made up to 1 hour in advance.)
3. Serve with strawberries.

Helpful Hint: Chantilly cream is lightly sweetened whipped cream flavored with vanilla or liqueur. For best volume, chill bullet cup in refrigerator or freezer at least 30 minutes before whipping the cream.

Peach Bellinis

- 1 cup water
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen sliced peaches
- 1/4 cup orange liqueur, chilled
- 3 cups peach nectar, chilled
- 2 (750-ml) bottles champagne, chilled

1. To make simple syrup, bring water to boil in small saucepan. Gradually pour in sugar, stirring until dissolved. Skim any foam from surface and set aside to cool.
2. Place half of cooled simple syrup, peach slices and orange liqueur in large bullet cup. Puree until smooth. Spoon into large glass pitcher. Process a second batch with remaining simple syrup, peach slices and orange liqueur. Spoon into another large glass pitcher. Chill until ready to serve.
3. Just before serving, add champagne to each pitcher and pour into chilled champagne flutes.

SMART BUSINESS

Learn lessons — from your competitors

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There's an old saying. "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer." Small-business owners would be wise to learn this lesson since a good way to make sure your small business measures up to others is by knowing your competition.

You don't have to plant spies in your competitors' organizations or try to steal company secrets, but there are a variety of ways that you can get some clues into what's working for them—and what may also work for you.

Be a customer

The only way you'll get a true understanding of your competitors' customer experience is to become a customer. Buy products or services from competitors every once in a while to see how your offerings stack up. Not only should you pay attention to competitors' products and services, you should also rate their other intangibles such as customer service. If confidentiality is your concern, hire someone to act as a mystery shopper. That person can utilize a competitor's services and then report the findings back to you.

Survey customers

What better way is there to find out what potential customers value than to ask them directly. Come up with a survey that asks customers what services they appreciate most, as well as what they like most about other businesses they support. If you can't get a list of a competitor's customers, send surveys asking potential customers what businesses they support in your industry, and what they like best about them.

Monitor the media

Are your competitors running special promotions or getting a lot of local media attention? By keeping an eye out for sales and special marketing blitzes, you can see how your business stacks up or may be slacking.

Talk to sales reps

If you sell products, you may have another good source of information: the vendors who sell your merchandise for your store. Sales reps sell their wares to businesses across the country. Ask them what special promotions they've seen, and whether they've noticed any product displays that have seemed particularly effective.

Go the distance

Don't just check out the competition that's nearby. With the Internet and so many forms of communication, people can often get services and products from anywhere. Likewise, competitors in a different geographic area might clue you into some customer trends that have not made it to your side of town yet. Plan yearly trips to different regions to sample products and services from out-of-region competitors.

Join trade groups

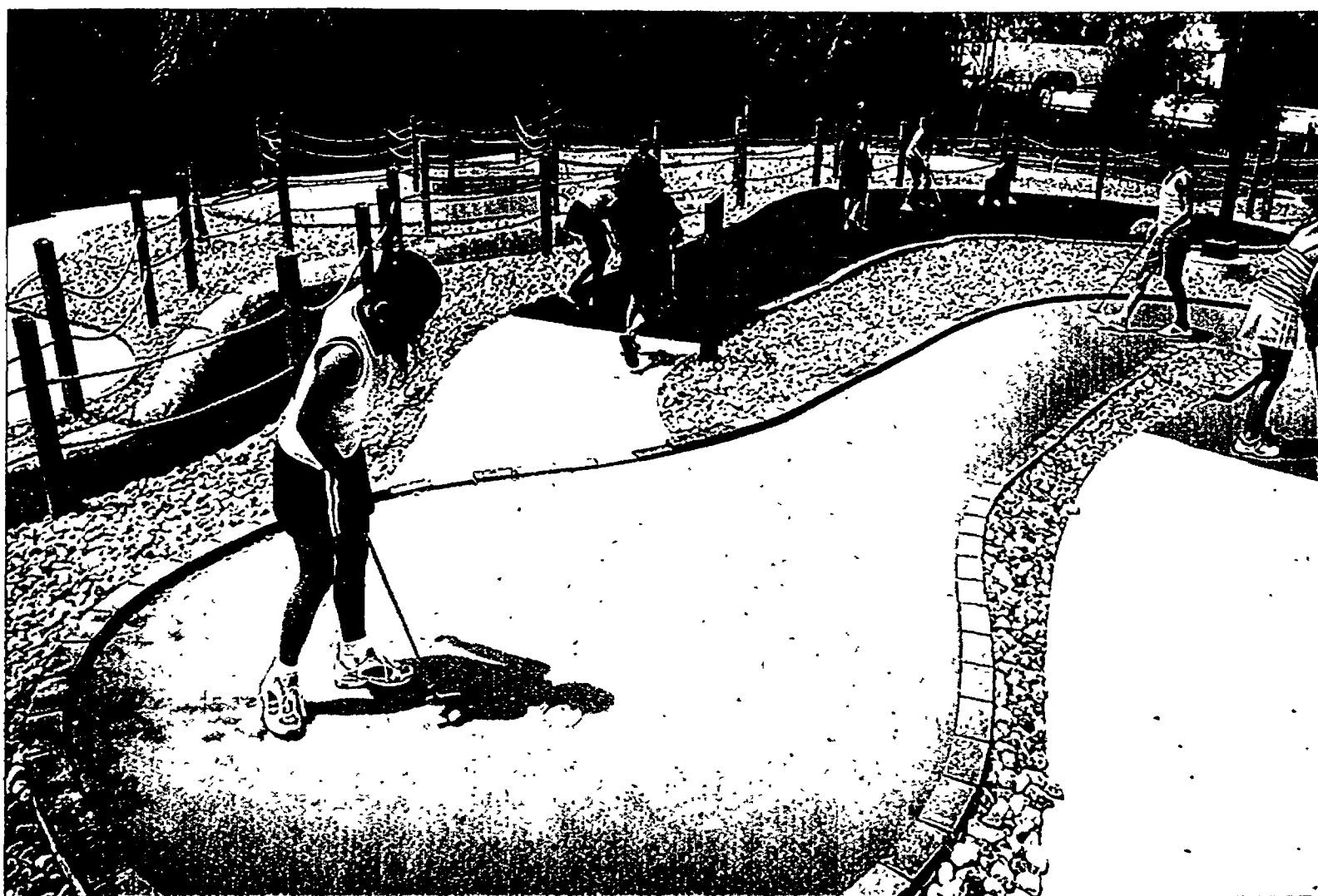
One of the best ways to meet competitors is to join trade associations and business support groups. That way, you'll be in an environment conducive to discussing best practices in your field. You'll also be able to find out what's working and what's not working for other small businesses. Regional organizations can give you a sense of what local competitors are doing, while national organizations can expose you to best practices across the country.

Strengthen the network

Once you meet competitors at association meetings, take the relationships a little further. By getting to know your competitors, you may find that it's possible for the two of you to work together. Though you may sell some of the same products, you might find that there are other areas where the two of you can refer customers to each other. By getting to know one another, you may discover ways to make both of your businesses better.

Businesses must always be willing to learn and grow in order to maintain success. By keeping your eye on the competition, you may discover ways to take your business to the next level.

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A birthday party races around the miniature golf course at Paradise Park, located at 45799 Grand River Ave., east of Beck Road in Novi.

Paradise Park: Fun for all

New family park lives up to its name

Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

Paradise Park gives families a day in paradise that's close to home. The new center offers all sorts of family fun, like an 18-hole miniature golf course, two large picnic areas, a trampoline center, automatic soccer cages, climbing walls, laser tag and a really cool arcade.

And the setting is a tropical paradise, with excellent accessibility for everyone.

When the Wainwright family decided to create a family entertainment center, they decided to try to create a paradise where families could spend quality time together.

"There's something here for every member of the family, from grandparents to the youngest child," said Theresa Wainwright.

Owners and operators, Jeffrey and Theresa Wainwright, brainstormed with teenage sons Gregory and Justin and project associates to figure out what activities families would enjoy the most.

Then the Plymouth family found the perfect place — on Grand River Avenue, just east of Beck Road in the high growth community of Novi. It's centrally located and has great freeway access at Beck and Novi Roads, making it easy to find for families from all over southeast Michigan.

Just thinking about palm trees makes Theresa feel relaxed, so

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she decided to bring palm trees into the island paradise. Several palms have been planted throughout the miniature golf course close to the waterfalls and rivers. They'll be moved inside during cold months.

The outdoor miniature golf course is the picture of paradise. It was designed to look like a theme park, with island accessories and special bright-colored turf for each hole. The bright colors add a special touch, together with the waterfalls and small rivers.

"I wanted it to look spectacular," Wainwright said. "We have something that no one else has."

The indoor area is as much a paradise as the outside. Pictures of palm trees and dolphins dance across the walls. The ceiling is covered with blue sky and white clouds painted in an iridescent paint that yields a magical effect at night. With the black lights on, after dark the indoor area is transformed into a party of lights, with the patterned carpet glowing and arcade games flashing. Guests become part of the decorations, glowing in the colored lights.

The laser tag arena continues to amaze people with its incred-



Joshua Zohr enjoys some trampoline time at Paradise Park, located on Grand River Avenue in Novi.

ble design. A "Star Wars" solar system theme with aliens and space ships sets the scene for fun. This arena is the design result of Creative Works, Inc., which is considered the premier arena designer. Private parties, businesses, churches and community groups just love this arena. With cutting edge "Laser Blast" technology in a brand-new facility, everyone is impressed. As an added degree of safety, this arena is Class A fireproof.

A laser tag league meets during the week to compete for cash prizes. This summer the league will include "Go-Kart laser tag," a high-energy game developed by Paradise Park.

Outdoor fun includes a trampoline center, a climbing wall, miniature golf, and soccer cages. The park also features world-

class family Go-Karts, driving on a large concrete slick track that includes multiple high banked turns and five steeply banked hairpin curves. The park also has special double karts made for both an adult and a child.

A Kiddie Go-Kart venue opening this month will include specially designed small scale go karts on an easy to maneuver track. The little ones will love this fast-paced activity.

Both Go-Kart tracks include state of the art safety features. Staff members monitor the track operation from special locations, making sure that the operation is always safe and fun. Each kart is electronically controlled, allowing staff members to insure proper operation at all times.

No effort was spared on accessibility and safety measures. This park, unlike others, was carefully laid out without a single step or stair. Even the laser arena and golf course are fully accessible.

"It is important to us that every child and family member can enjoy the features of this park, regardless if they are on crutches, in a wheelchair, or just moving slow," says Jeffrey Wainwright.

Video equipment covers the indoors and outdoors so that staff can monitor guests at all time. There's always a member of the family overseeing staff and making sure that safety protocols are followed.

Safety, cleanliness and customer care are the biggest priorities at the facility. And the family has noticed that these are equally important to guests.

"Families come here because they know it is clean, safe and family operated," said Wainwright. "There's a level of trust building. It's different at our park because we are so concerned about safety and the quality of the experience."

Since opening last August, Paradise Park has been well received by the community. Families and teens have been flocking to the attraction and so have private parties and local groups.

Birthday party packages are available which include the homemade pizza, beverages, custom decorated cake, game tokens and a choice of activities. A hostess stays with the party to make sure the birthday child and guests have a great time. That's why Paradise Park is called the "Birthday Capital."

The outdoor area includes two enormous grassy picnic areas that are suitable for large parties such as graduations, bar mitzvahs and corporate picnics. There are already many scheduled for the summer months but openings remain. Owners use several caterers to provide unlimited food choices and can bring in additional entertainment options such as comedians, kiddie trains, and clowns.

A large veranda offers a place for families to enjoy the summer or celebrate an occasion together. Parents can watch kids play while they sit on the veranda with a notebook computer. Wireless Internet service is available at no charge.

Guests can bring a picnic basket to enjoy on the veranda or can try Perky's Pizza. The pizza is so good that some folks come in just for pizza carry-out.

Aside from pizza, Paradise Park also offers Perky's hot sub sandwiches, Chicago style hot dogs, chicken fries and homemade bread sticks. Snacks like ice cream, cotton candy, chips, slushes, ice cream floats, sports drinks and pop round out the fun.

Contact Paradise Park by calling (248) 735 1050 or go to www.paradiseparknovi.com.

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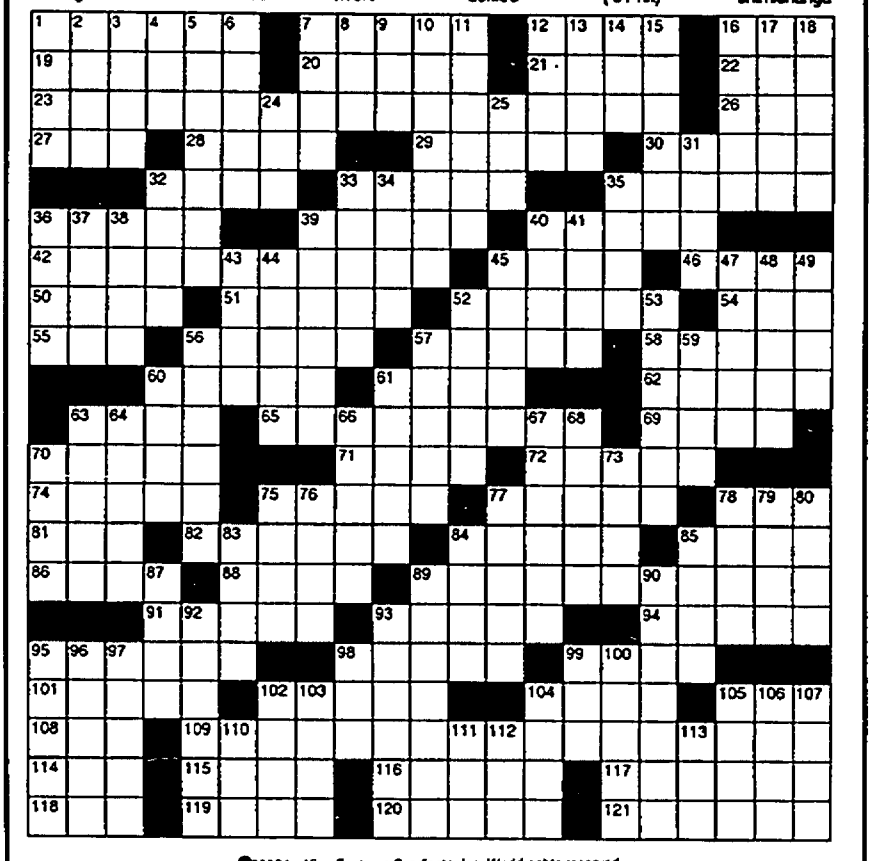
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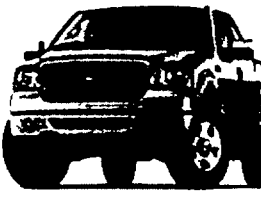


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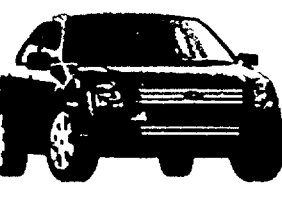


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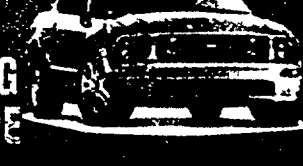


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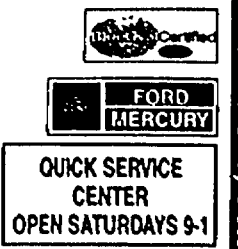


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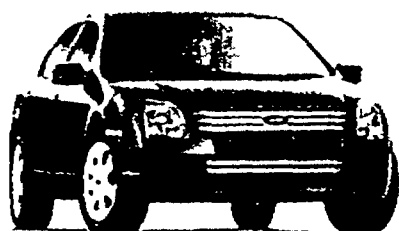
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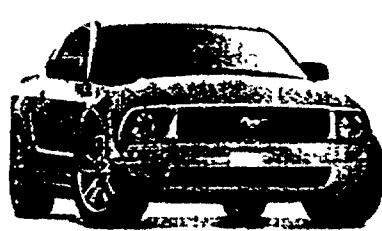


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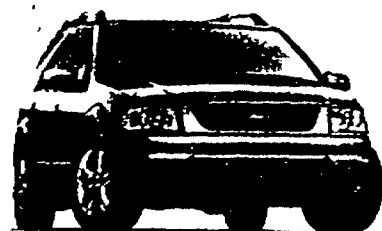


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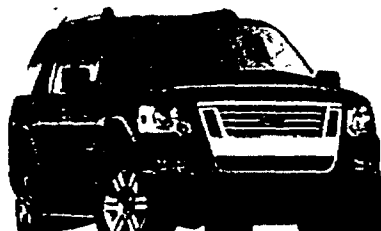


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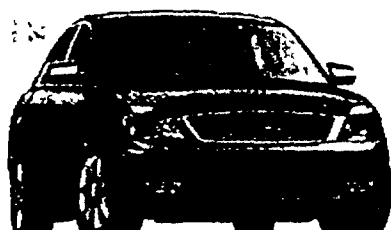


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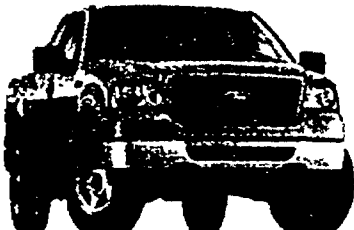


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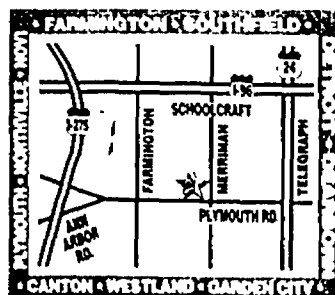
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Gary Lewis & The Playboys

Aficionados of the '60s pop classics have cause to rejoice with the return of Gary Lewis & The Playboys.

Gary Lewis was about as close to being an "overnight success" in the recording field as anyone can get. And – just because it happens so seldom – it is always a special thrill when show business lightning strikes twice in the same family. The comedy antics of Jerry Lewis skyrocketed him to fame when he was just barely out of his teens. No. 1 son Gary had achieved comparable success in the music field... also at a young and carefree age.

The son of a famous father – in any field –

is often faced with serious problems in finding and maintaining his own identity. But when Gary Lewis and The Playboys auditioned for their first job at Disneyland, no one there knew Gary was anybody but a thin drummer. The entertainment director of the park merely liked what he saw and heard, and hired Gary and the boys on the spot – much to their surprise. The boys were enthusiastically accepted by the audiences from the very first night, and as the word spread it was not long before they were playing to a packed house every night.

It was the summer of 1964 when Gary Lewis and The Playboys were discovered by

producer Snuff Garrett. Before long, with the producer/arranger team of Garrett and Leon Russell behind them, they took their first single, "This Diamond Ring" straight to number one. After their second hit titled "Count Me In" went to number two, Gary and the band proved that they would be a continued success. They followed with more Top 10 songs such as "Save Your Heart For Me", "Everybody Loves A Clown", "She's Just My Style", "Sure Gonna Miss Her", and many more.

In 1965 Gary himself was Cash Box magazine's "Male Vocalist of the Year", winning the honor over other nominees Elvis Presley

and Frank Sinatra. He was the first and only artist during the 1960's to have his first seven releases reach Billboard magazine's Top 10 on the Hot 100 chart. Along with his appearances on various popular television shows including "American Bandstand", "Hullabaloo", and "The Tonight Show". Gary accumulated an impressive five appearances within two years on the "Ed Sullivan Show."

Gary Lewis & the Playboys, with a Tribute to Jerry Lewis, and Rocky & the Rollers will appear on the Bright House Networks main stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. Admission is \$10; general seating.

With the reoccurring interest in oldies music, Gary Lewis & The Playboys are one of the hottest acts around.

Gary, along with the Playboys – Mike Arturi, Brad Henderson, Nick Rather and Bryan Fox – continues to tour and entertain fans across the country and abroad.





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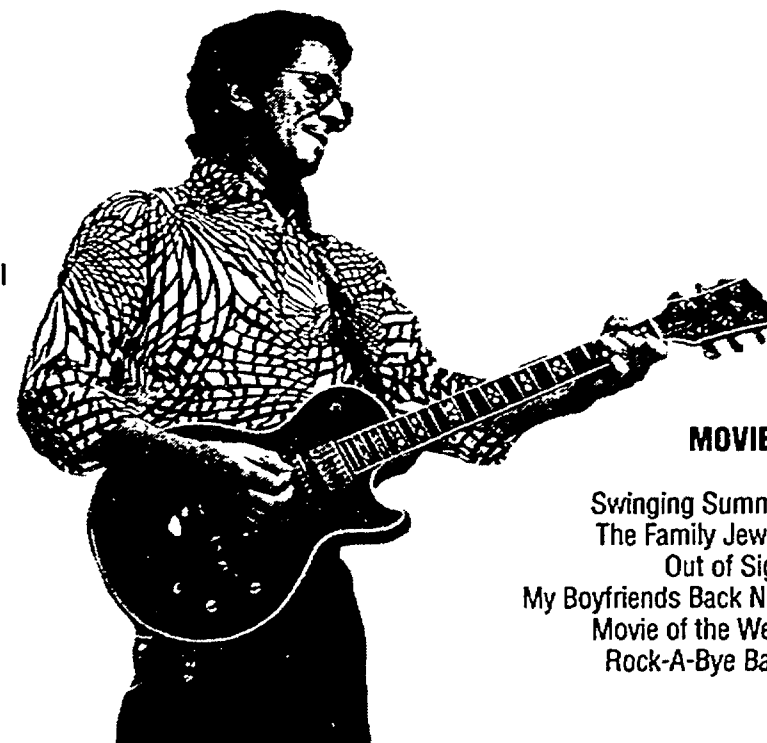
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1	(#1)	This Diamond Ring	1965
2	(#2)	Count Me In	1965
3	(#1)	Save Your Heart for Me	1965
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Bright House lights up the 50's Festival

Bob McCann has been helping the Michigan 50's Festival grow for the past 18 years, and said he's most enjoyed working on the live entertainment, since most of the bands play the music he grew up with.

"It's a great community event," said McCann, who still serves on the board of directors after 12 years as festival president.

"I realized I was involved with really great people," he said. "They



Bob McCann

work really hard and don't get a penny for it."

McCann has helped support the festival as president of Bright House Networks, which is sponsoring the event again this year. The company provides cable TV, high-speed Internet, and digital phone service in the area.

"I got involved just to support a community event," he said. "I think it's safe to say the festival

would not have been able to sustain itself over the years were it not for the involvement of Bright House."

McCann said with the way society has changed, community events don't happen often enough in towns anymore.

"This is one of those things that brings the community back together," he said.

For more information on Bright House Networks, visit <http://michigan.mybright-house.com>.



THE SUN MESSENGERS are an eight-piece, horn-driven R&B show-band based in Detroit. This top-notch band plays everything from Motown classics and old school funk to big band, classic rock and jazz standards. The Sun Messengers have been one of the most popular groups in the Detroit area since forming in 1980. In addition to performing as a headliner, the band has backed up such artists as The Drifters, Johnny Adams, Earl King, Martha Reeves, Sir Mack Rice, Leon Thomas and The Falcons. Since 1996 the Sun Messengers have been the house band for the Detroit Pistons, performing during Piston's home games. The band consists of a four-piece horn section, drums, bass, keyboards and guitar. Six of the eight members handle the vocal arrangements.

Pictured back: Russ Miller, Terry Thunder and William Elijah; middle: Dan Mayer, John "T-Bone" Paxton and Arthur Colden; front: Rick Steiger and Termon "Tipp" Hayes

Live music still main attraction

Gary Lewis fans will be able to get their fill of the singer's hits at the Michigan 50's Festival, when the musician, along with the Playboys, give a tribute performance.

Gary Lewis and the Playboys will perform Saturday, July 29 at 9:30 p.m. Opening for them will be Rocky and the Rollers at 8 p.m. (Rocky and the Rollers will also be performing Friday at 8 p.m. with fireworks to follow at dusk.)

Festival president Lori Kapelczak said the bands are part of another strong lineup for the festival, which she said has become known for its live entertainment.

"(Live entertainment is) probably one of the most popular parts of the festival," Kapelczak said. "We get a lot of phone calls asking what the entertainment is."

The opening band will be Detroit's own Sun Messengers at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26. Steve King and the Dittilies will hit the stage the next day at 7 p.m.

"The lineup's good," Kapelczak said. "The public seems to be pretty happy."

Most of the music is 1950s and oldies tunes, Kapelczak said, with some '60s and '70s songs.

There will also be a performance by the Outtakes, a local band composed of five 12-year-olds, at 7 p.m. Saturday. They play classic rock music, Kapelczak said.

Kapelczak has been on the festival board for eight years and said the music appeals to anyone from age 21 to people in their 70s. She anticipates a crowd of approximately 4,000 for the Gary Lewis show Saturday night.

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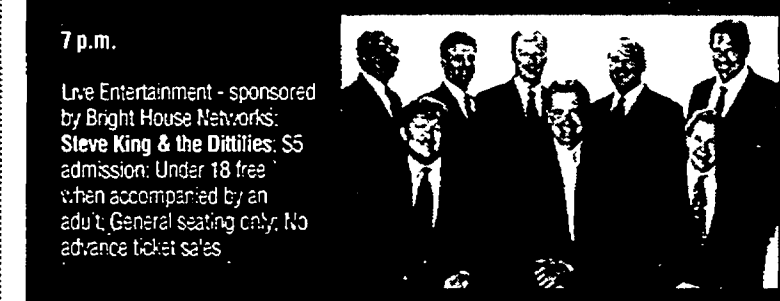
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- 6 p.m. Festival Opens to the Public
- 6 p.m. "Just for Kicks" performing dances on the Road Runner Family Stage
- 6 p.m. Beverage Garden Open - Sponsored by Budweiser & Leone Imports
Festival Food Court open; Information Booth opens
- 7 p.m. Live Entertainment - Sponsored by Bright House Networks, The Sun Messengers.
Admission free all ages
- 11 p.m. Festival Closes

THURSDAY, JULY 27

- Noon Beverage Garden Open - Sponsored by Budweiser & Leone Imports
Festival Food Court open; Information Booth open; Family Area open
- Noon-3 p.m. AM 910 Radio Disney - Sponsored by Mazda
- Noon Zippy-Do-Da Petting Farm; Come pet & feed the animals - Pony rides
- Noon-8 p.m. Let your kids play and build Sand Castles in the Giant Sand Box sponsored by Novi Family Dental Center
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Mrs Quaker - courtesy of LOC Federal Credit Union
- 2:30 - 6:30 p.m. Arts & Scraps - sponsored by Novi Family Dental Center
Come let your kids create a "Cool" craft
- 4 p.m. "Paulie & the Sixth Gate Pink Lady Dancers" performing dances on the Road Runner Family Stage

- 5:30 p.m. "Studio A" performing dance routines on the Road Runner Family Stage
- 7 p.m. Vegas Tent open Sponsored by Varsity Lincoln Mercury & Catholic Central
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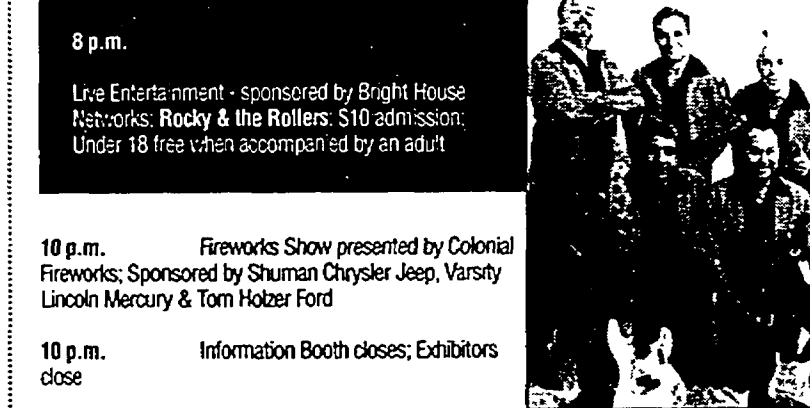
7 p.m. Live Entertainment - sponsored by Bright House Networks, Steve King & the Dittillies. \$5 admission. Under 18 free when accompanied by an adult. General seating only. No advance ticket sales.

- 9 p.m. Information Booth closes; Exhibitors close
- 11 p.m. Festival closes

FRIDAY, JULY 28

- Noon Beverage Garden Open - Sponsored by Budweiser & Leone Imports
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- 7 p.m. Vegas Tent open; Sponsored by Varsity Lincoln Mercury & Catholic Central
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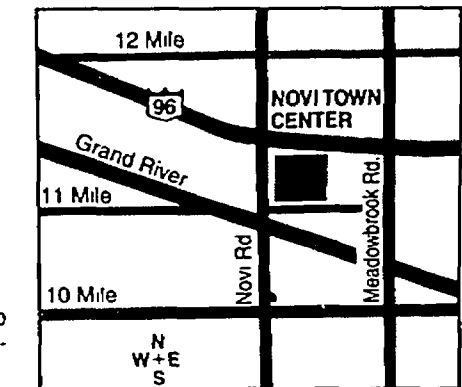


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- 10 p.m. Fireworks Show presented by Colonial Fireworks; Sponsored by Shuman Chrysler Jeep, Varsity Lincoln Mercury & Tom Holzer Ford
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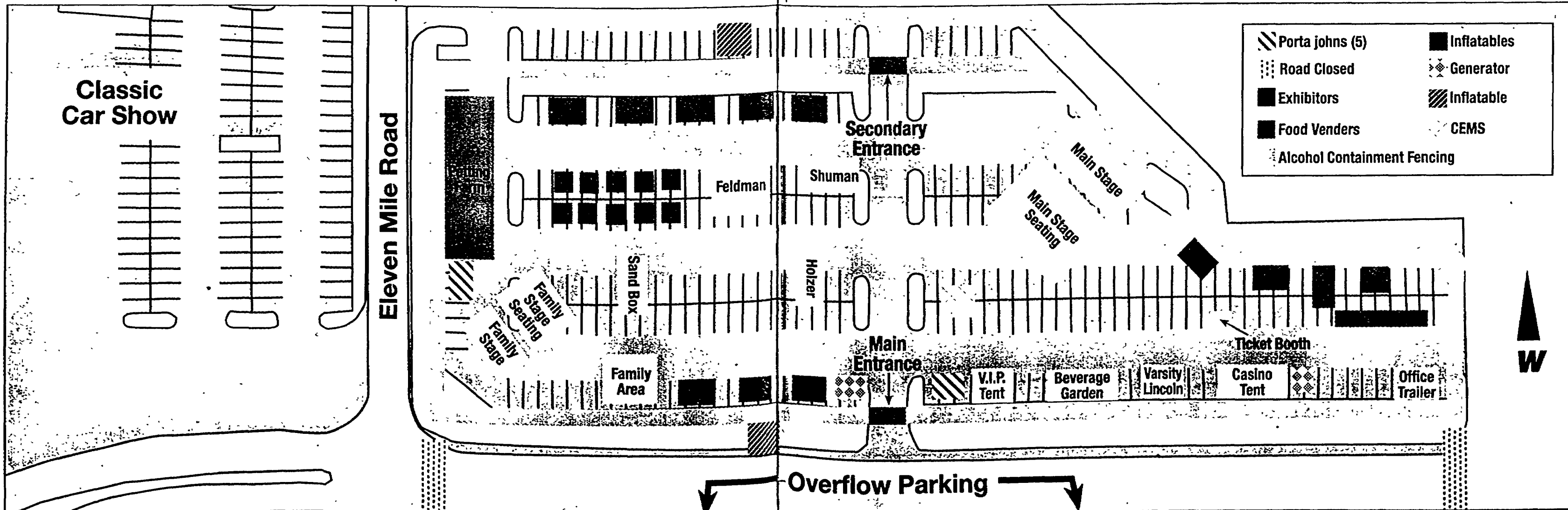
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Family fun for everyone

While the oldies hits may have older folks taking a sentimental spin back to the days of cars with fins, this year's Michigan 50's Festival will also have plenty of activities to keep little ones occupied and entertained, according to Dodie Varhol, one of the event's directors.

"Our family area is going to be absolutely jam-packed," Varhol said. "This will be a really nice area for the kids this year."

Activities in the family area this year include a petting zoo, a giant sandbox, arts and crafts, a rock climbing wall, and an ice cream social.

Baby ducks, bunnies, a pig, a lamb, a rooster, a miniature goat and ponies will all be on hand as part of the Zippity Do Dah Touring Petting Mini Farm, Varhol said. Kids will have the chance to pet and feed the animals, and pony rides will also be available.

A huge sandbox, 24 feet long and 24 feet wide, will also be set up for kids to play in Varhol said. Contests, such as digging for prizes, may be held, she said, and the sandbox will be open for kids to play in from 12-8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"It sounds like it'll be a lot of fun for the kids," she said. "We're hoping that goes over real big with the kids this year."

The sand was donated by Glenda's Garden Center and the lumber was donated by Timberlane Lumber True Value.

Kids will have the chance to get their arts and crafts fix from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday and 2-4 p.m. Friday with the Scrapmobile bus, a free activity.

Friday from 1-4 p.m. there will be an ice cream social, which Varhol said is open to anyone. The ice cream is being donated by Cold Stone Creamery, and she said the event could attract up to 500 people.

The "Cruising Climber" rock wall will be available for climbing for \$5 from 6 p.m. till dark Wednesday, noon to dark Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to dark Saturday.

"We're excited," Varhol said. "We haven't had a rock climbing wall in several years."

Other activities include inflatables, and an appearance by AM 910 Radio Disney from 12-3 p.m. Thursday.

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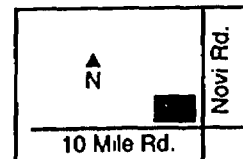
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Cervi said a car show will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. A cruise, starting at the festival site (Novi Town Center) and running north on Novi Road to 12 Mile road

east, will begin between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

Spectators can set up chairs to watch the cruise, which Cervi said has attracted 300-400 cars in the past, a number he is hoping to match this year.

Participants in the cruise or the show need only bring a completed registration form with them to the event, Cervi said, and there will a special parking lot desig-

nated for classic and antique cars.

"I'm a car nut myself," said Cervi, who is in his 19th year of volunteering at the festival.

Cervi currently owns 10 classic cars, down from 30. He still has his first, a 1950s era Chrysler DeSoto convertible. He used to collect four-doors, two-doors and hardtops, but more recently has become interested in wagons and convertibles, he said.

Salon Nadwa returns as fest sponsor



The best part about the Michigan 50's Festival?

Meeting all the different people. That's the answer Nadwa Yono (*shown styling Kristi Zurich's hair*) gives.

Yono, owner of Salone Nadwa & Day Spa in the Novi Town Center, is sponsoring the festival for the fourth year, and said it's a good way to give back to the city her business has called home for the past 11 years.

"After I found out what it was all about, I wanted to get involved," she said. "It's a charity event.

"I love the fact that it goes right back into the city," Yono said.

Yono said her salon offers a full range of services, from hair care to makeup,

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The salon also caters to weddings, bridal showers, birthday and company parties, and Yono said her employees receive ongoing education in their areas of expertise.

She estimated her clientele is split 70/30 between men and women, with most falling between 25 and 65 years of age.

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Vegas Tent proceeds help CC, other groups

Looking to get in on a little blackjack? You'll have your chance at the Michigan 50's Festival.

"It's mainly going to be blackjack," said Ed Harrell, a director of the festival. "It's all fun."

Dealing is being handled by members of the Catholic Central Dad's Club, which will receive half of the proceeds from the event. The other half, Harrell said, will go into the festival's budget and be distributed from there to other community organizations.

Chips are priced at \$1, with minimum bets set at \$3. There is room for up to 50 players at 10 different tables in the tent, Harrell said. Participants must be 21 or older, and anyone from newcomers to experienced players are welcome, he said.

Prepping for the event has been "pretty intensive," Harrell said, as the dad's club has been learning about dealing for the game and about state gambling regulations. A list of rules and regulations will be posted inside the tent, he said.



LOC's community involvement continues with fest sponsorship

LOC Federal Credit Union, sticking with its theme of educating kids, is sponsoring Radio Disney at the Michigan 50's Festival this year, according to Debbie Mashinske, vice president of marketing.

"We want to continue to support the community," Mashinske said, noting that the credit union originally became involved with the festival through the Novi Chamber. She has worked at the festival in years past, and said the music is her favorite part.

Financial literacy and educating kids on financial matters is important to the credit union, Mashinske said. They run a special program for students where kids apply for positions with the credit union, and then run a location at their school once a week, setting up accounts with other students and handling transactions.

A credit union is a non-profit entity, Mashinske said, without shareholders. LOC serves anyone living, working or worshipping in Livingston and southwest Oakland counties, she said, and offers the same financial services as a bank.

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Attention cyclers!!!

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Town Center back as festival site

The Michigan 50's Festival will be a "shot in the arm" for the Novi Town Center development, which is playing host to the event for the first time since the early 1990s, according to general manager Jim Clear.

"The city asked us to host it and we were happy to accommodate the city," Clear said.

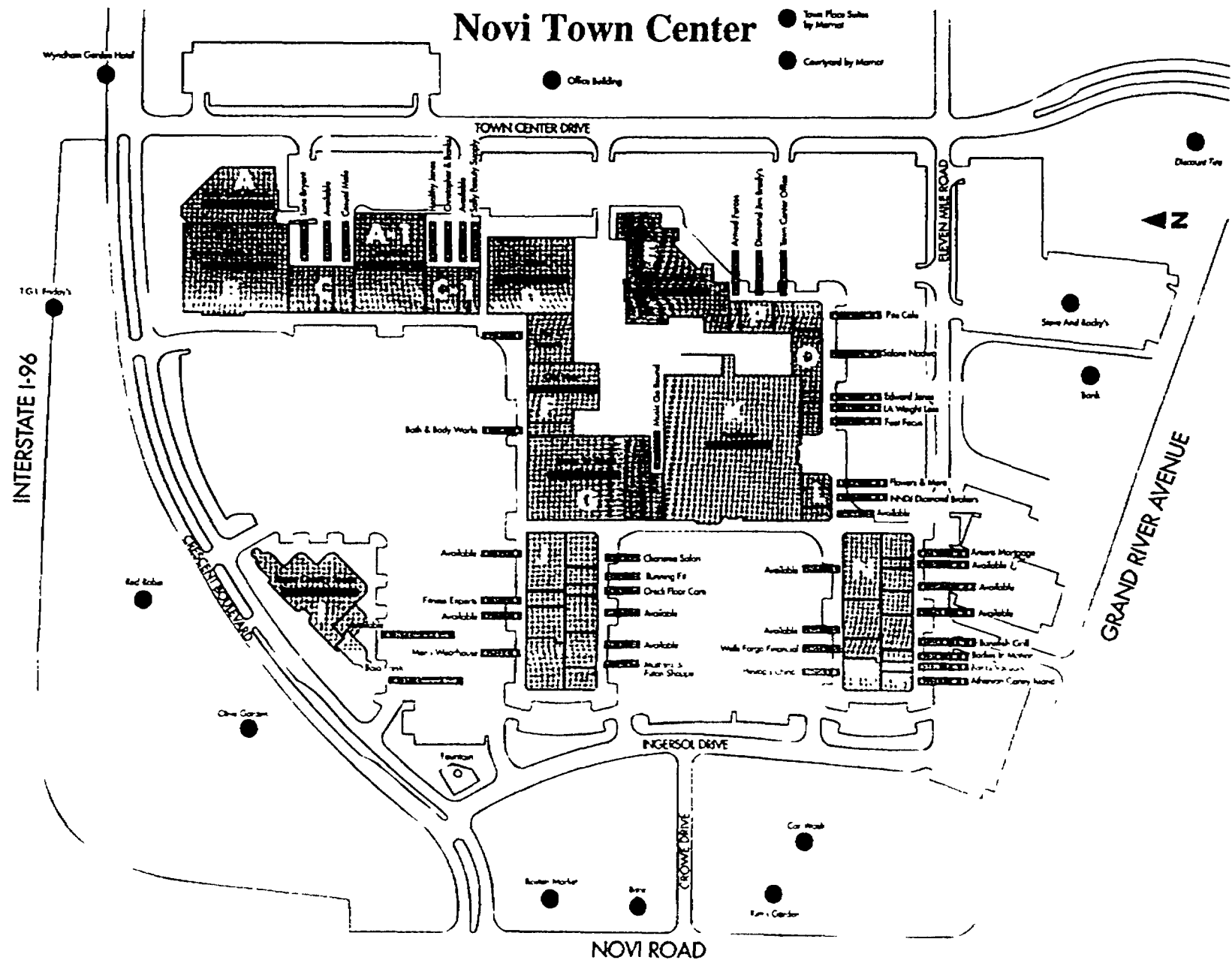
"It was our turn to host it. We saw it as a positive for our property."

"We have open areas that will suit the layout of the festival," he said, noting that there is also plenty of parking space at the venue.

Novi Town Center is anchored by Borders and CompUSA. Clear said, and features

roughly 500,000 square feet of space for specialty shops, restaurants and retail. The development also recently acquired the Mervyn's building, he said.

Clear said Novi Town Center has been gearing up for the festival with landscaping and painting.



Win a ride on WJR's JetCopter

If you've ever dreamt of soaring above traffic snarls on construction clogged roadways, Novi's Michigan 50's Festival has your ticket.

The festival will raise money by holding an online auction for a 100 minute ride in WJR's JetCopter 760. The lucky winner will get to ride along with Joel Alexander, as well as a traffic reporter for WWJ NewsRadio 950, from 4-5:40 p.m. on a weekday for a traffic report.

"Not too many opportunities are going to come along like this in your lifetime," said

Dodie Varhol, a director of the festival, which will be held July 26-29. "How cool is that? I'm hoping it will spark a lot of people's interest."

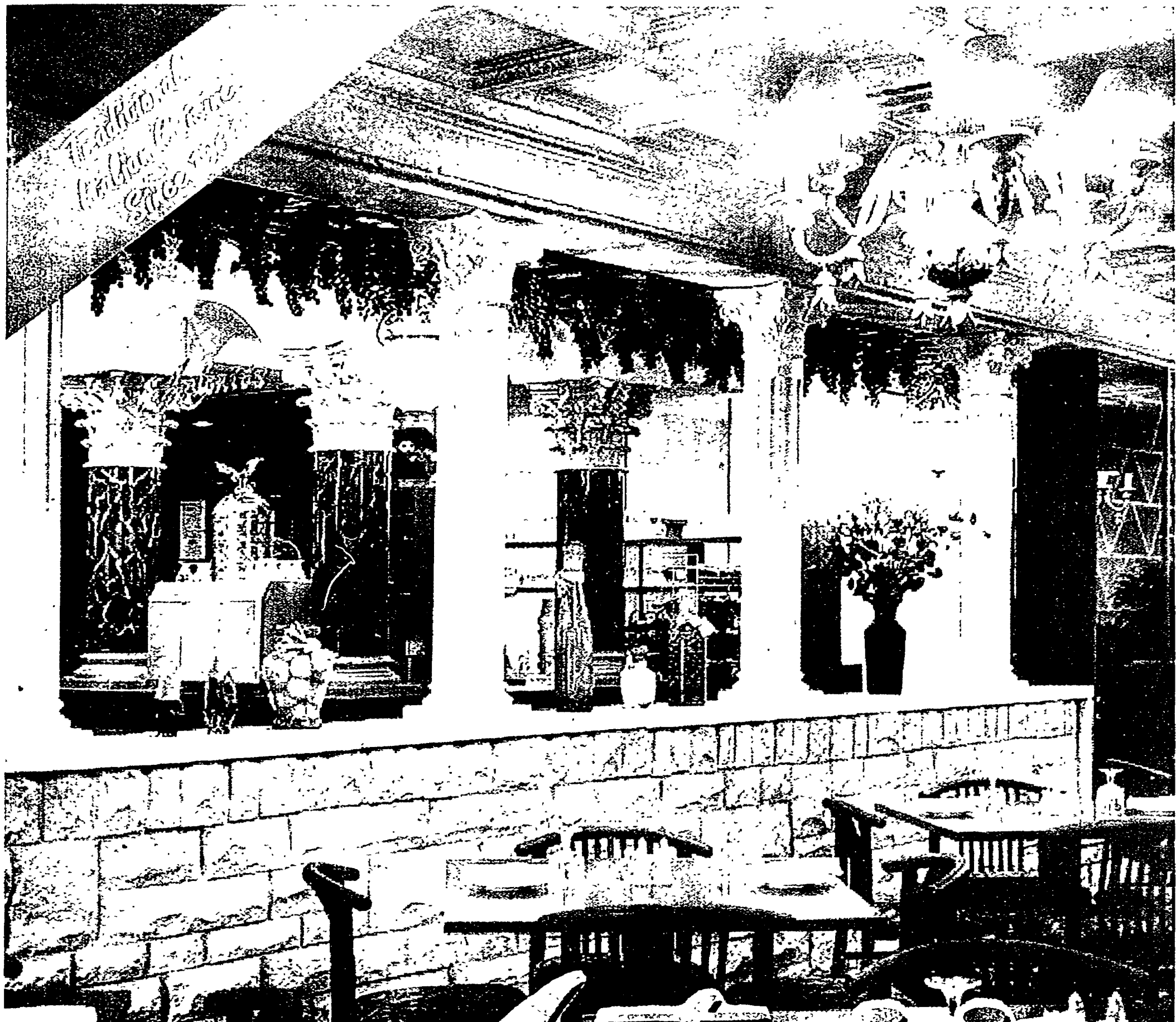
As of press time Tuesday, Varhol said online bidding should be operational by sometime today. The retail value of the ride is \$1,400, she said, but she hopes the auction will bring in even more.

The ride will start at Oakland Troy Airport, and if there is time, the winner may be able

to request a bird's eye view of local sights, such as their home. Up to two passengers may go, but there is a weight restriction of 400 pounds.

Scheduling of the ride is dependent on weather and other "Acts of God." The winning bid will be announced at the festival July 29.

For more information or to bid on the helicopter ride, go to http://michigan.mybright-house.com/community/50s_auction.php



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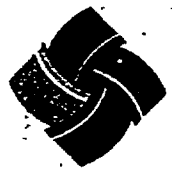
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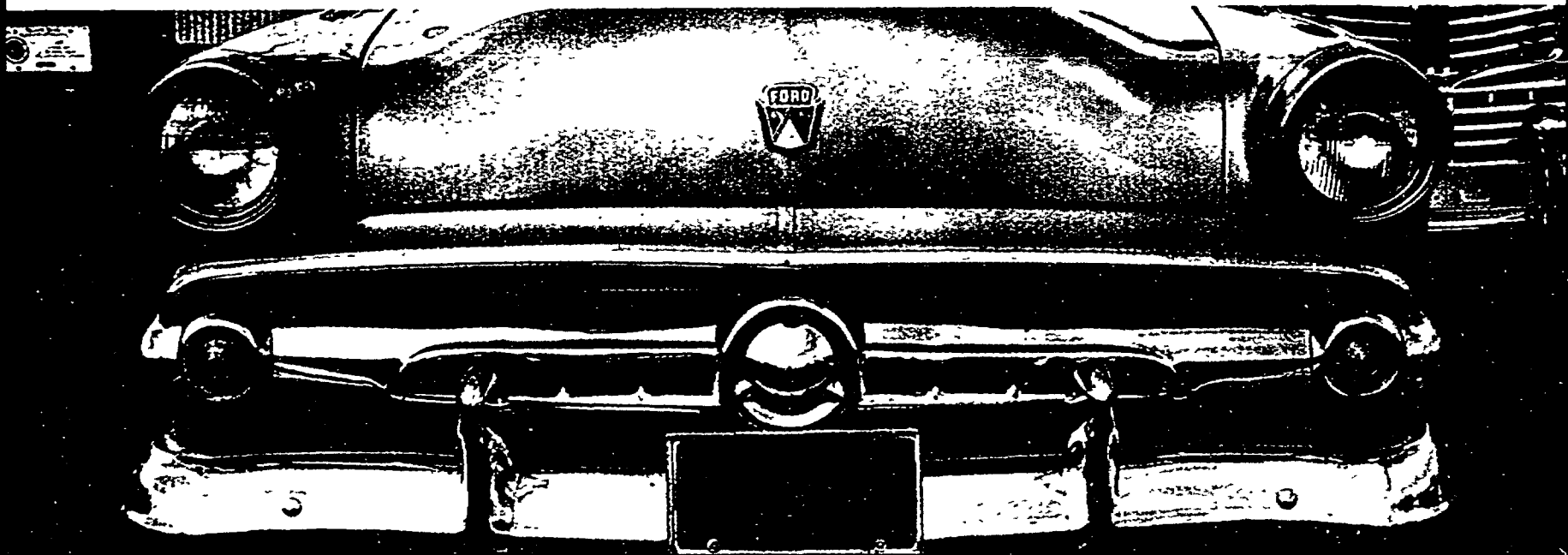
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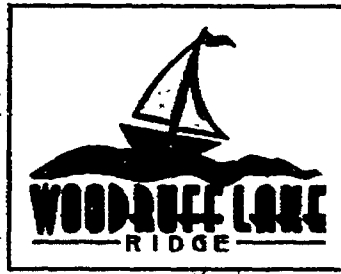
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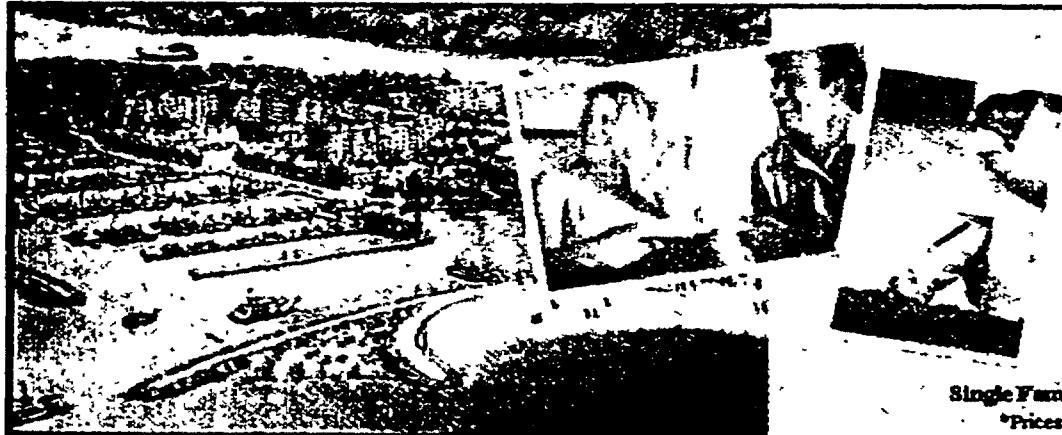


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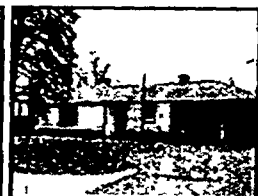
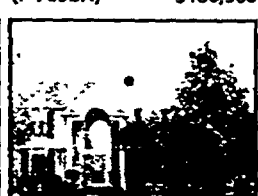
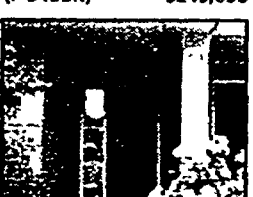
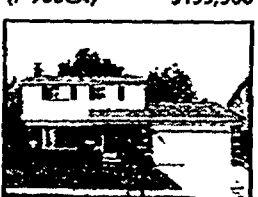
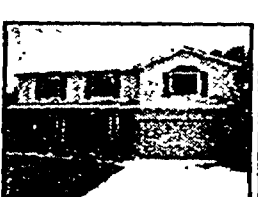
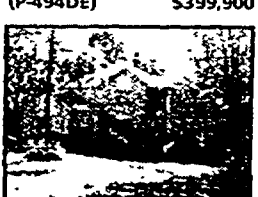
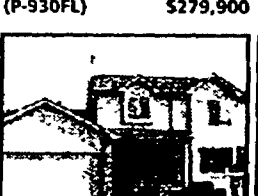
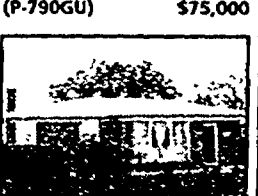
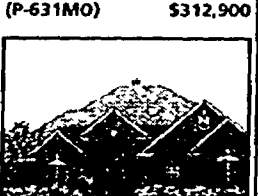
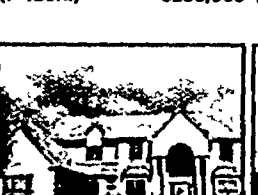
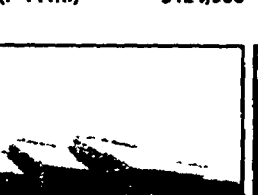
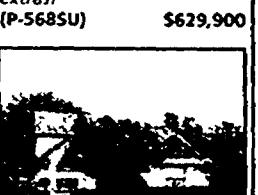
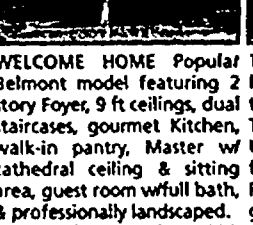
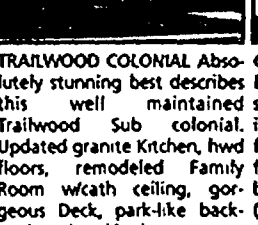
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Open & airy floor plan, volume ceilings, large Kitchen, Master w/bath, bakony, area pool, & great location (P-132EL) **\$164,500****GREAT LOCATION** Everything you desire is here! Gorgeous lot backing to commons area. Updates w/ inc. furnace, A/C, windows, hwd flooring, partially finished bsmt, freshly painted interior & exterior, immediate occupancy, & much more. (P-520EM) **\$224,900****ONE OF A KIND** 5 bd colonial in popular Windsor Park. Addition w/huge Master w/ wic & bath. Updated kitchen & baths, freshly painted, neutral t/o, backs to commons, very clean, partially finished bsmt, patio. (P-930FL) **\$279,900****FUSSY BUYERS WELCOME!** Well kept brick ranch w/ newer windows, roof, hwd, electrical, flooring, carpet, hwd, finished bsmt w/glass block, freshly painted, enclosed front porch, appliances stay, & seller can help w/closing costs. 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Motivated Seller, bring offers (P-609RO) **\$59,900****SALEM FARMS ESTATES** Custom brick beauty sitting on 2.6 acres. Huge granite Kitchen, 3 fireplaces, hwd floors, 1st floor Master, finished lower level w/sauna & Jacuzzi tub, Media Room, 3 car Garage, & loaded w/ extras! (P-568SU) **\$629,900****GARDEN CITY FABULOUS RANCH** Huge corner lot, finished bsmt, updated bath, new carpet & Pergo t/o, windows, hwd, C/A, tear off roof, siding, pool, deck, cement Patio, & new garage. (C-921EL) **\$199,900****WESTLAND VERY WELL KEPT!** Backyard opens to field, Kitchen w/corain, Some newer windows, new carpet in LR & FR. A must see! (C-360LA) **\$193,900****WELCOME HOME** Popular Belmont model featuring 2 story Foyer, 9 ft ceilings, dual staircases, gourmet Kitchen, walk-in pantry, Master w/ cathedral ceiling & sitting area, guest room w/full bath, & professionally landscaped. geous Deck, park-like backyard, updated baths, more. 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Moving on up: Residents on the go like new quarters, agree organization is key

BY JULIE BROWN
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Mark Hammar recently moved from a Westland apartment to a home in Garden City. He found planning was key to a successful move.

"The biggest thing is probably planning," said Hammar, director of facility services at the Plymouth Cultural Center, a city-owned facility. "Plan the move."

He had good movers and relied on them for big items taken from his second-floor apartment, like furniture and electronics.

Hammar had been in his apartment in Westland since 1989 and had previously owned a home which he sold. "That was in Redford Township."

He likes to build equity through home ownership. "You can do certain things as far as improvements. They think about, 'Well, I'd like to do that.'" Hammar, who's single, takes home

chores in stride.

"I don't mind doing the mowing and the snow-blowing." He likes meeting neighbors and feeling part of his community.

He's pretty handy, but relies on contractors for bigger jobs like a bathroom remodeling.

Some people go the other way, particularly seniors who are going from a larger home to a smaller condo or apartment. They face the challenge of deciding what to keep and what to give away or sell, not always easy when possessions have sentimental value.

Others opt in midlife to move to new digs when their children are grown and less room is needed. Kim and Peggy Shunkwiler of Wayne have three grown children, but didn't choose a smaller home for their 2002 move.

"Actually, we got a bigger house," said Kim Shunkwiler, a Westland chiropractor. "We like the area. We love it over there. Very nice neighborhood."

He agreed being organized is key in making a move. The Shunkwilers used movers for the bigger items when they went from their Dearborn Heights home to Wayne in 2002.

"Get organized or have a wife that's organized," he said with a smile. "Mark everything."

Information on moving is available online at Web sites like century21.com,



Century 21's site. It can be a hectic 24 hours on moving day, but there are some things you can do to make it easier, the site says.

Have tools handy for breaking down beds and appliances.

Move valuables (jewelry, legal documents, family photos and collections) yourself - don't send them with the moving company. Make sure you have a complete home inventory of all your possessions.

If you are using a professional mover, check the inventory list and make sure you agree with the condi-

tion of items. Get a copy of the list for your records.

Give every room a final once over. Don't forget to check the basement, yards, attic, garage and closets.

Turn off the water heater and lower the thermostat.

Get the name of the driver and give him or her your contact information. Also review directions to the new home.

Have the final payment for the movers and money for a tip (if satisfied with the job, about \$20/mover is recommended.)

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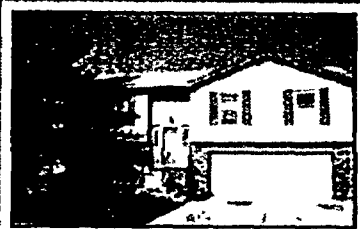


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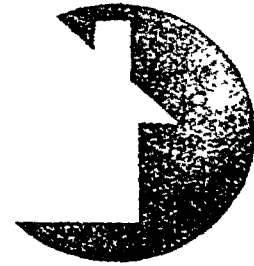
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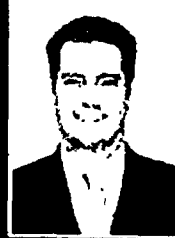




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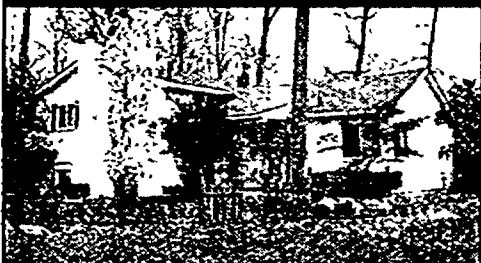
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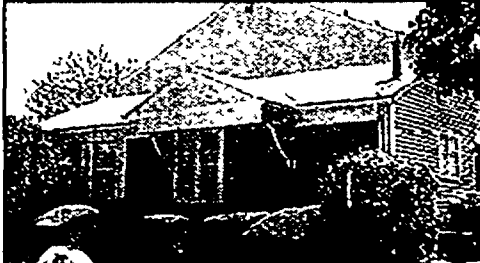
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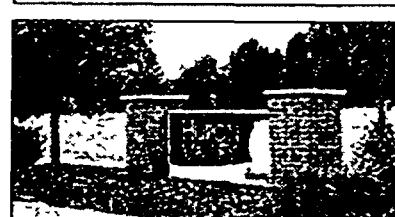
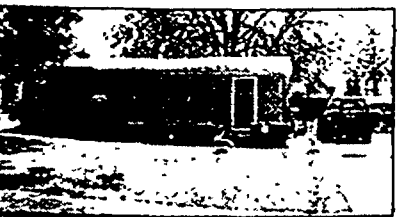
**SALINE** \$1,950,000
Brick ranch on 1.19 acres! Volume ceilings, remodeled kit, 4.5 car garage mahogany entrance drs to foyer w/6 skylights, fin. LL w/FR, game rm, rec rm, office, bath, bar, Paver walks, patio & waterfall & a free vepi! M.L.S.# 26077617 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$1,565,468
Bespoke executive home!! 5BR 3.2BA, Premier gated community Cambridge built! Gourmet kit & h/wk w/custom cabinetry Two FP's Dual star cases, 4 car garage w/storage Daylight bsmt. M.L.S.# 26105903 734-453-6800**NORTHVILLE** \$1,000,000
Remodeled w/granite cnts in all BAs & prt d for 2-story foyer, h/wd frs, maple cabs w/granite cnts, Sub Zero & new ss apps, backs to 16 acres of woods, mstr ste w/WC & 2 FP's p. fin. w/ paver patio w/veranda. M.L.S.# 26083889 248-347-3050**NORTHVILLE** \$824,900
Gorgeous home, great price! 4 BR colonial in much desired Ridgewood Hills sub! Spacious kitchen w/hot bar, updated cabinets & h/wd frs. FR w/vaulted c/g & FP Lux MS w/fashion BA, vaulted c/g & W/C M.L.S.# 26067075 734-453-6800**NOVI** \$750,000
Grand 2 story foyer, formal DR w/hwd fr, custom molding, gourmet kit, vaulted FR, architectural windows, French door to private porch, 1st fr mstr w/tray ceiling, glamour BA, fin LL w/hw-lw ste wet bar & game rm. M.L.S.# 26118623 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$725,000
1st fr mstr ste w/2-story foyer & GR Study w/built-in cherry cabs kit w/marble cabs & granite counters, fin bsmt w/home theatre & FR w/cherry moveable bar Custom decor to & new entrance door. M.L.S.# 26086405 248-347-3050**NORTHVILLE** \$649,900
9 ceilings 2 story GR, gourmet kit w/corncorn tile, granite formal DR w/crown molding, butlers pantry, Lib w/french door, luxury mstr ste w/wood W/C, glamour Mstr BA, sod & sprinklers to be added in back. M.L.S.# 26085516 248-347-3050**GREEN OAK** \$635,000
All sports take front community w/beach, clubhouse & marina 2 story GR w/wall of windows, DR w/tray ceiling granite kit w/hwd fr cherry cabs 1st fr mstr ste w/glamour BA, Daylight LL, Plumbed for BA, Boat Slips Avail. M.L.S.# 26112916 248-347-3050**SOUTH LYON** \$600,000
4+ acres w/lg swimming pond w/dock, pole barn w/heated workshop new roof, redecorated, custom marble windows wrap-around porch, central vac, newer corner cnts in kit, dual 90+ furn new h-w/ff h/wt & newer ca. M.L.S.# 26081888 248-347-3050**NORTHVILLE** \$599,900
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Detached condo w/wooded 'up north' feeling w/out the long drive. 1st fr mstr ste, Remod kit w/granite, Prof h/wk w/kt, full ba, br 4/office, FR, Mstr ste w/er l/b, sep shower, W/C deck in private 9 unit Community. M.L.S.# 26044111 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$535,000
1.5 story backing to woods w/1st fr mstr ste w/vaulted ceiling w/Jacuzzi & shower, new granite in kit, new cpl T/O 2 story foyer gathering rm w/2 way tp neutral decor T/O updated landscaping w/paver walks & patio. M.L.S.# 26102517 248-347-3050**CANTON** \$529,900
Spectacular 4 BR, 3 full & 2 half BA "Carrington" w/sweeping view of golf course! Gourmet kit w/dbl ovens & h/wd frs 2 story FR w/scaring c/gs, B1 cabs & HDWD frs Lux master BA BRs have BAS. M.L.S.# 26106613 734-453-6800**SALEM** \$494,900
Custom 5BR 3.5BA home on 2+ acres! 2x5 const, Pella windows, oak trim, h/wd frs & flstone FP Fin w/b bsmt w/snd-prf media rm, 5th br & full ba, 2nd fr laundry, Steel IPE deck, 3.5 car gar, H2O strg generator. M.L.S.# 26058184 734-453-6800**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$475,000
Lib w/french doors, cherry h/wd fr, crown molding, gourmet kit w/island, dble oven, walk in pantry, butlers pantry w/granite & wet bar, vaulted FR, mstr ste w/glamour BA, whirlpool tub, Fin LL, wet bar. M.L.S.# 26117324 248-347-3050**PLYMOUTH** \$469,900
Custom designed & decorated 3br 3ba Gour kit-h/wk w/marble cnts, Electrolux S5 apps, 2 DWs, & wine cooler, Lux master w/hwy c/g & W/C Rich looking h/wd frs on 1st fr Custom crown mldg t/o J&B ba. M.L.S.# 26101260 734-453-6800**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$450,000
Condo w/hardin w/b 2-sided to GR w/vaulted ceiling w/marble FP & butler's pantry formal DR w/vaulted ceiling white cabs in kit, new dr & Sub Zero refng 1st fr mstr & ceramic tile in foyer & kit. M.L.S.# 26118204 248-347-3050**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$435,000
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Gorgeous and priced for you! HOWD foyer, GR, K&L/2BA, 2FP Better Homes & Garden best describes the decor to Custom window treatments, butler's pantry sec sys 3 car tandem gar h/wt w/ M.L.S.# 26082536 734-453-6800**NORTHVILLE** \$399,900
Elegant 3 BR, 2.1 BA condo End unit facing wooded area, Gourmet kitchen w/granite, SS apps, cherry h/wd cabs & frs Spacious Mstr BR/BA, Clubhouse pool tennis, golf course, limited occup. M.L.S.# 26065941 734-453-6800**NOVI** \$379,900
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On a half acre lot 2 story foyer w/hwd fr formal LR, DR w/bare molding & tray cng h/w french doors KA w/bay window h/wd fr vaulted ceilings in FR & mstr BR, mstr BA w/dbl sinks jetted tub & 1st fr laundry. M.L.S.# 26117346 248-347-3050**PLYMOUTH** \$374,900
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GORGEOUS CAPE COD CONDO! Bk 2001 just like new kit w/granite apps and HOWD floor to 1st floor Lux 1st fr Master & spa bath 2BR & plus kit & BA on 2nd level Fin Daylight LL w/hwd fr T/O & BA. M.L.S.# 26073300 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$319,900
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Beautiful 3BR condo-end unit w/stunning floor plan 1st fr Mstr w/hwy BA, whirlpool tub & str 1st fr Lib/Office GR w/skylights gas FP Bright Kit w/adjoining dining area All BR and W1 closet, Perfect condo! M.L.S.# 26078560 734-453-6800**SOUTH LYON** \$300,000
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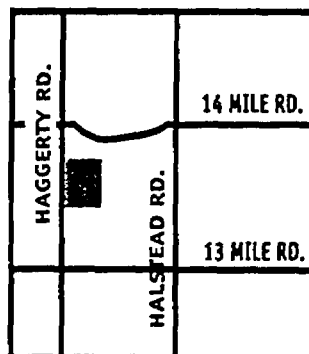
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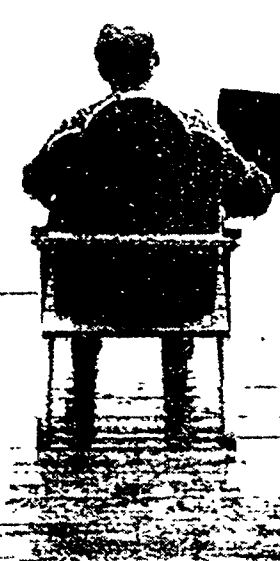
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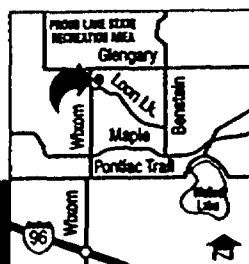
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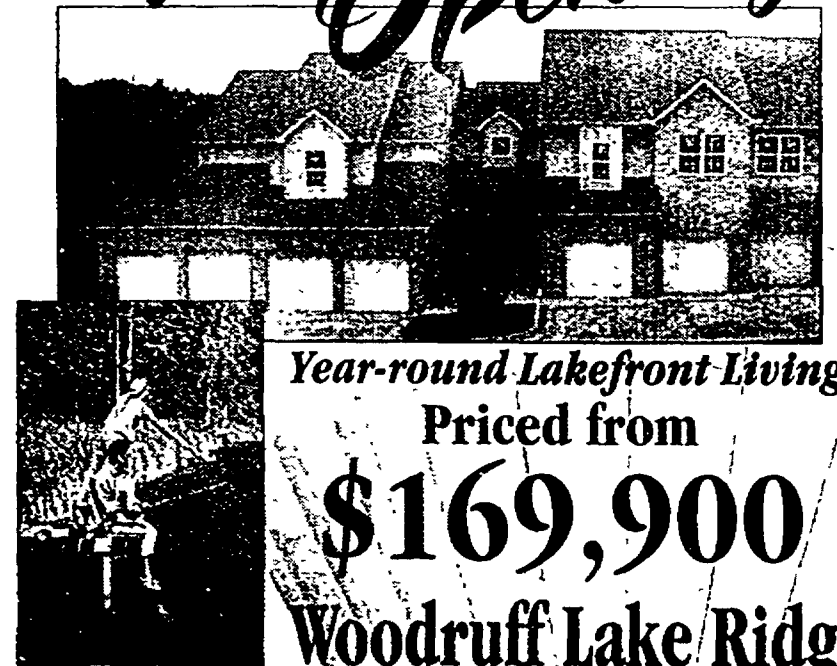


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A. Though the answer is not totally clear, I believe what you mean by stigmatized property are murder scenes and sites of suicides, deaths and AIDS-related illnesses. The language in the form required under Michigan Seller Disclosure Act suggests that residential sellers are not required to disclose information about the property beyond its physical condition. However, without a clear and definite law, the



Robert Meisner

question remains whether Michigan residential sellers have a duty to disclose stigmas associated with the real property and you are better off, of course, to error on the side of disclosure until there is a more definitive ruling.

Q. I heard about a recent case that dealt with the issue of whether a condo developer who wishes to develop a condominium must file a court action to vacate the existing plat and submit a replat under the Condominium Act. What do you know about it?

A. The Michigan Court of Appeals, in an important recent decision, pointed out that the Condominium Act of Michigan specifically provides that the Land Division Act shall not control divisions made for any condominium project. The administrative rules promulgated pursuant to the Condominium Act recognized that a proposed condominium development may overlap with a previously platted subdivision. The court stated that neither the statutes nor the regulations required the plat to be vacated pursuant to the Land Division Act before a condominium project could be developed. Therefore, it appears that

you may proceed with your condominium project although you should, of course, obtain the appropriate local zoning approvals as well as site plan approval, etc.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Building Industry Association

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■ A development site tour of Partridge Creek in Clinton Township

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. The tour begins at Burton Katzman, 30100 Telegraph, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Bingham Farms. Parking is available on the south side, adjacent to the boundary of Bingham Office Park and Fitness USA. The community will feature 360 single family homes, 40 models and already constructed homes, 600 condo units, senior housing and a 600,000-square-foot lifestyle center. The community is developed by Taubman Group and Trinity Land Development. Registration fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA members and \$60 for nonmember building industry profes-

sionals. For information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A Certified Graduate Builder Series seminar on "Introduction to Business Management" 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. It will be taught by Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services. The seminar introduces builders and remodelers who are interested in improving their bottom line to systematic planning processes used by industry experts. It focuses on basic

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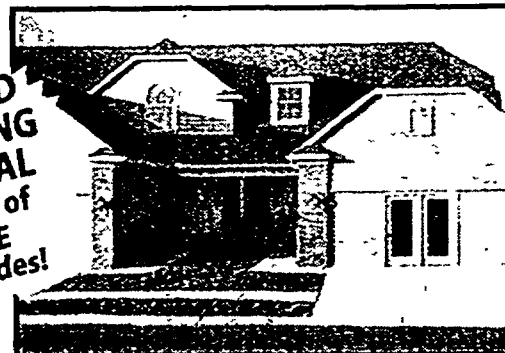
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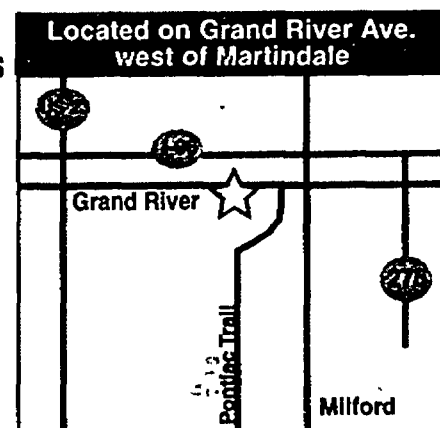
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■ Apartment Association of Michigan will sponsor a technology seminar, "Electronic Rent Collection," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kirk McNeil and Greg Fish of Biznet Internet Solutions will demonstrate the benefits of an e-payment program. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$10 for AAM or BIA members, \$20 for non-members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

■ BIA's Sales & Marketing Council is sponsoring a real estate continuing

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■ A Certified Graduate Remodeler course on "Negotiating" 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group will offer a practical approach to interpersonal problem-solving and suggestions for negotiating. Fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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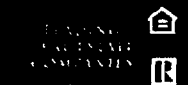
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5401 Mill Race Way	4BR/2.1BA/2car/fp/gr	\$325,500	248-363-8300	realestateone.com/26091238
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1733 Inbster	3BR/1BA/1car/ranch	\$129,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26057518
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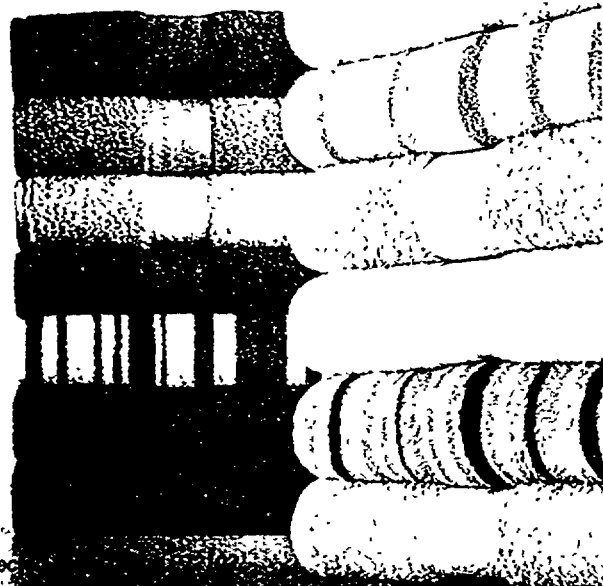


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2.99
reg. 7.99

The Big One®
ring-spun cotton
bath towel

30x54" oversized; 12 solids
and 3 stripes; hand towels
and washcloths available.



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Urban Pipeline™
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short-sleeved
tops, shorts &
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for girls 4-16,
boys 4-20, toddlers,
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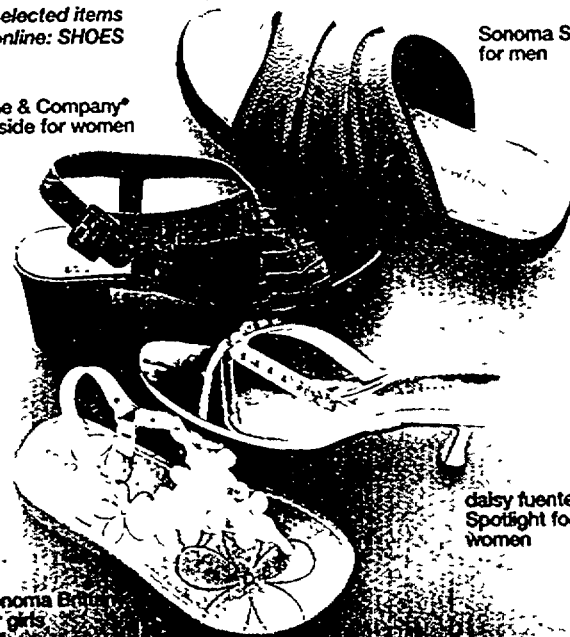


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60-70% off
entire stock
sandals for the family

orig. 24.99-54.99, sale 9.99-21.99
Excludes Candie's® & Chaps for her and athletic.
selected items
online: SHOES

Nine & Company®
Onside for women



Sonoma Slide
for men

Sonoma Britton
for girls

daisy Fuentes®
Spotlight for
women

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock
11.99

Sonoma skorts,
shorts & capris
for misses
and petites.
orig. \$28-\$30
selected items
online P72150

Women's
shorts & capris
orig. \$28-\$34,
sale 13.99



EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock
60% off

Short-sleeved
knit tops for men
from Sonoma, Arrow
and Croft & Barrow®.
orig. \$14-\$46,
sale 5.60-18.40
selected items
online P72101

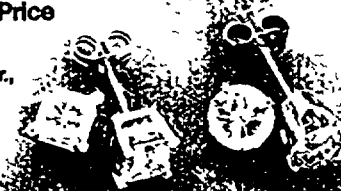


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60% off plus
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extra **15%**

on entire stock
of fine jewelry
Extra 15% excludes
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594.99 pr. Final Price
1 ct. T.W. diamond
solitaire earrings.
14k gold. reg. \$2,000 pr.,
sale 699.99 pr.



127.49 Final Price
1 ct. T.W. diamond circle
pendant. Sterling silver.
reg. \$375, sale 149.99

EARLYBIRD

Save **50-60%**

Petites' sportswear from Sonoma, Croft & Barrow, daisy Fuentes, Sag Harbor & more. orig. \$12-\$54, sale \$6-\$27. Selected styles.



SONOMA

EARLYBIRD

Save **50-60%**

apt. 9' sportswear for misses, petites & women. orig. \$20-\$60, sale 7.99-29.99. Selected styles. 

apt 9



EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **60% off**

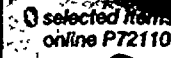
Flip-flops for her. orig. \$7-\$16, sale 2.80-6.40. Excludes Candie's. Accessories dept.

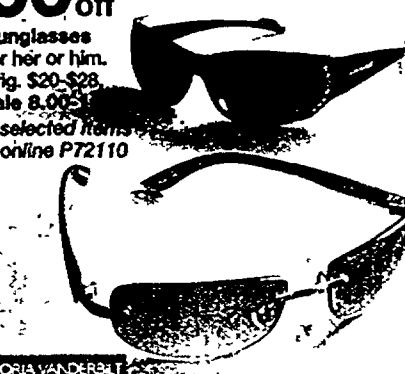


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EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **60% off**

Sunglasses for her or him. orig. \$20-\$28, sale 9.99-14.99. 



GLORIA VAN DERBILT

EARLYBIRD

36⁹⁹ New Balance® athletic shoes for men & women. reg. 59.99. Selected styles.

472 running shoes for men



new balance

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **11⁹⁹**

Sonoma Regular and Relaxed Fit jeans for men. orig. 24.99. 



SONOMA

EARLYBIRD

11⁹⁹

Champion® Recess backpacks. Available in blue, pink, green, black, orange and red. orig. \$30



Champion

EARLYBIRD

119⁹⁹

The Complete Dining Set by Oneida®. 104-pc. flatware set with caddy. reg. 249.99



ONEIDA



EARLY

shop Saturday,

BIRD SPECIALS

July 22 7am-1pm only

Selected Early Birds also available online

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **60% off**

Croft & Barrow® tank tops, short-sleeved tees & polos for misses, petites & women. orig. \$14-\$20, sale 5.60-8.00. 



croft & barrow


EARLYBIRD

50-60% off

Women's sportswear from apt. 9®, daisy Fuentes®, Sonoma and more. Sizes 1X-3X & 16W-24W. orig. \$14-\$50, sale \$7-\$25. Selected styles.

apt 9

women's



EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **50-60% off**

Sleepwear, loungewear & robes for her. orig. \$12-\$38, sale \$6-\$19. Excludes daisy Fuentes® and Candie's®.




apt 9

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **50% off**

Panties from Barelythere®, Maidenform®, Warner's® & Vanity Fair®. reg. \$16.50 to 9.00 ea., sale 3/8.25 to 4.50 ea. Excludes bra coordinates.



barely there

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **50-60% off**

Dress shirts and neckwear for men from Arrow and Croft & Barrow®. orig. \$25-\$44, sale 10.99-22.00. 



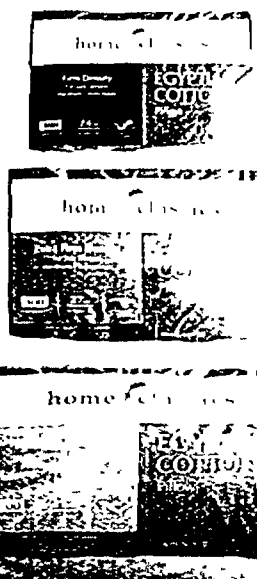
ARROW

EARLYBIRD

Save **60%**

Bed pillows reg. 15.99-59.99, sale 6.39-23.99. Selected styles.

7.99 Home Classics® 300-thread count Egyptian cotton bed pillows. reg. 19.99



EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **60% off**

Novelty pillows orig. 19.99-34.99, sale 7.99-13.99

11.99 iConnect speaker pillow. Easy connects to MP3, CD & DVD players. orig. 29.99. iPod® not included.



EARLYBIRD

10-40% off plus save an extra 15% on entire stock of cookware. Excludes Cooking with Calphalon®.

69.99 Final Price Farberware® Enhanced 13-pc. nonstick cookware set. reg. 139.99, sale 82.35



FARBERWARE

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **50% off**


Playwear for toddlers, boys 4-7 and girls 4-6x. Playwear not intended as sleepwear.



EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **40-60% off**


Collections for juniors. orig. \$24-\$48, sale 14.40-28.80. Excludes Candie's®.



EARLYBIRD

3⁹⁹

SO... tees & tank tops for juniors. orig. \$10-\$12. Selected styles.



SO

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **30-50% off**

Watches reg. 19.95-550.00, sale 13.98-385.00. 



114.99 ea. Your choice ladies' or men's Seiko® dress watch. reg. \$165.00

SEIKO

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **60% off**

Casual and dress pants for men from Sonoma and Croft & Barrow®. orig. \$40-\$45, sale \$15-\$18. 

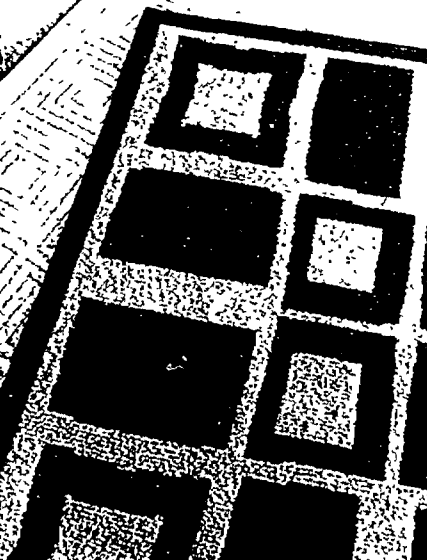


SONOMA

EARLYBIRD

39⁹⁹

Heritage 5x7' area rugs reg. 119.99



EARLYBIRD

10-50% off plus save an extra 10% on entire stock of floor care. 

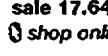
129.99 Final Price Eureka® 4D bagless vacuum. reg. 219.99, sale 144.44

94.99 Final Price Bissell® PowerSteamer® deep cleaner. reg. 199.99, sale 105.55



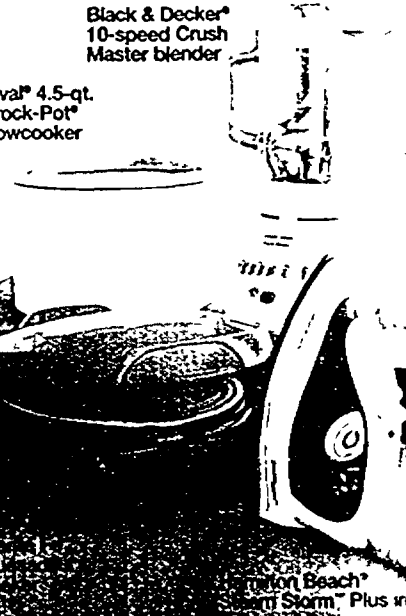
EARLYBIRD

Final Price **14⁹⁹**

Your choice kitchen electrics reg. 29.99-39.99 ea., sale 17.64 ea. 

Black & Decker® 10-speed Crush Master blender

Rival® 4.5-qt. Crock-Pot® slowcooker



BLACK & DECKER

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **60% off**

Summer sleepwear for girls 4-16, toddlers and infants. orig. \$22-\$35, sale 8.80-14.00



EARLYBIRD

7⁹⁹

Graphic tees and tank tops for juniors. orig. \$18. 



EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **9⁹⁹**

Fashion shorts for juniors from Unionbay®, Angels & Bongo®. orig. \$26



UNIONBAY

EARLYBIRD

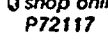
60% off plus save an extra 15% on entire stock of sterling silver jewelry reg. \$10-\$150, sale \$4-\$60, final price 3.40-\$1.00. 

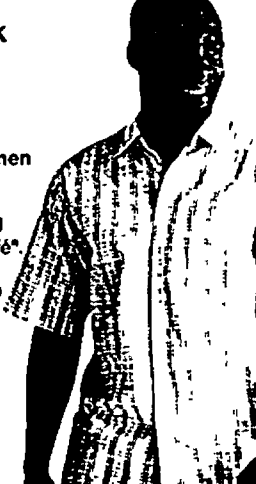


apt 9

EARLYBIRD

Entire Stock **60% off**

Short-sleeved sport shirts for men from Arrow, Croft & Barrow®, Natural Issue® and Havana Jack's Cafe®. orig. \$28-\$42, sale 11.20-16.80. 



ARROW

EARLYBIRD

18⁹⁹

3-pc. Northpak duffel set orig. 49.99. Also available in red.



EARLYBIRD

All Sizes **2⁹⁹**

Summer fun vinyl tablecloths orig. 7.99-13.99



EARLYBIRD

20-40% off plus save an extra 15% on entire stock of cutlery, bakeware & kitchen gadgets

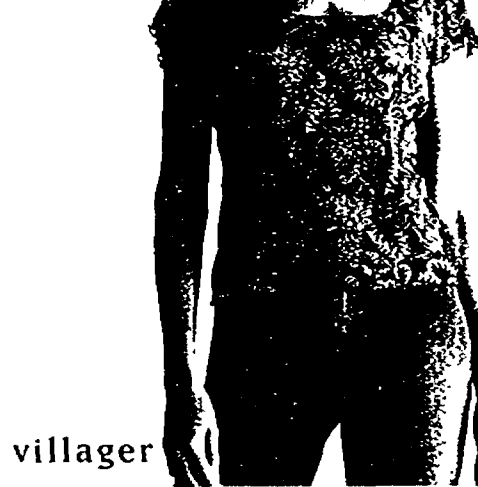
93.49 Final Price Chicago Cutlery® 12-pc. stainless steel cutlery set. reg. 169.99, sale 109.99



CHICAGO CUTLERY

40-50% off

Villager, Requirements*, Sag Harbor*, Norton McNaughton*, Cathy Daniels and West End collections for misses, petites and women. orig. \$22-\$74 sale 13.20-44.40 Selected styles.



villager

40-50% off

Women's sportswear from Sag Harbor*, Villager, Sonoma, Croft & Barrow* and more. Sizes 1X-3X & 16W-24W. orig. \$14-\$59 sale 7.00-35.40 Selected styles.



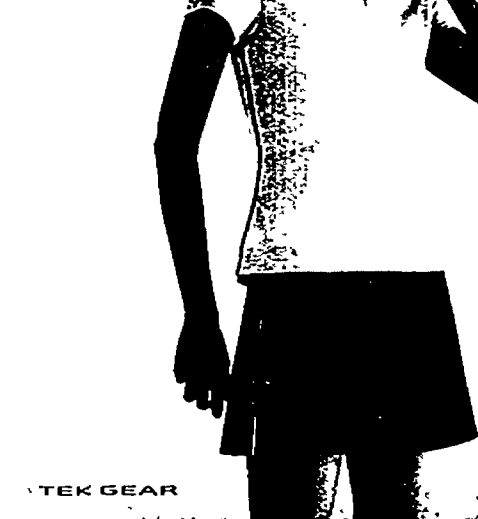
HARBOR

SUPER SATURDAY

ALL-DAY SAVINGS SATURDAY, JULY 22

25-50% off

Fitness wear from Tek Gear*, Russell Athletic*, Nike*, adidas* & Danskin* for misses. orig. \$12-\$54 sale 6.00-40.50 Selected styles.

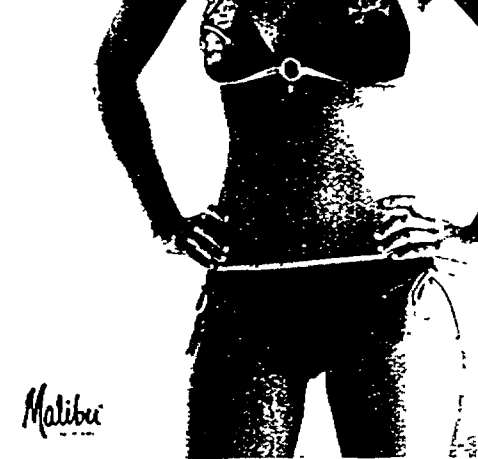


TEK GEAR

entire stock

50-60% off

Swimwear for juniors, misses and women. orig. \$20-\$86 sale \$10-\$43 Styles may vary by store. Selected items online: SWI



Malibu

entire stock

40-60% off

Dress shirts and neckwear for men from Croft & Barrow*, Arrow, Axist* and access. orig. \$25-\$55 sale 11.20-\$25 Selected styles.



croft & barrow

40-50% off

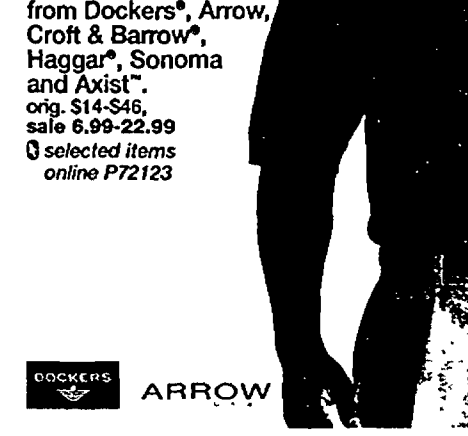
Sportswear collections for men from apt. 9* and access. orig. \$24-\$120 sale 9.99-59.99 Selected styles.



apt. 9

50-60% off

entire stock short-sleeved knit & golf tops for men from Dockers*, Arrow, Croft & Barrow*, Haggag*, Sonoma and Axist*. orig. \$14-\$46 sale 6.99-22.99 Selected items online P72123



DOCKERS ARROW



entire stock

33-50% off

access, Nine & Company*, daisy fuentes* and AB Studio collections for misses, petites and women. orig. \$18-\$69 sale 12.06-46.23 Selected items online P72119



access

entire stock

50% off

Capris and shorts from Lee*, Gloria Vanderbilt*, Dockers* and Levi's* for misses, petites and women. orig. \$30-\$40 sale \$15-\$20 Selected items online P72121



Lee

40-50% off

Separates for misses from Croft & Barrow*, Erika*, Briggs* and Notations. orig. \$14-\$44 sale 7.99-24.99 Selected styles.



croft & barrow

40-50% off

Sonoma knit and women tops for misses, petites and women. orig. \$12-\$42 sale 7.20-25.20 Selected styles. Selected items online P72119



SONOMA

entire stock

19.99

Lee* Performance Khaki for men. Wrinkle resistant; repels stains and liquids.



Lee Performance

entire stock

24.99

Dress pants for men from Haggag*, Axist* and Croft & Barrow*. orig. \$45-\$50 Selected items online P72124



BRAGGI

entire stock

50% off

Shorts for men. orig. \$26-\$38 sale 12.99-18.99 Excludes Chaps & athletic apparel. Selected items online P72125

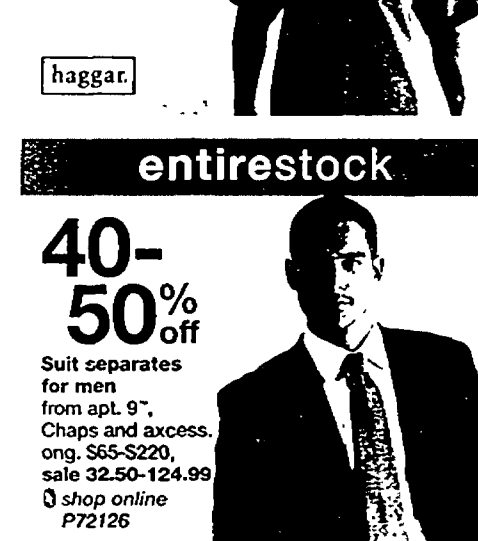


SONOMA

entire stock

50-60% off

Short-sleeved sport shirts for men from Haggag* and Arrow. orig. \$32-\$42 sale 14.40-21.00



haggag

35% off

Bras from Bali*, Olga* & Maidenform*. reg. \$23-\$32 sale 14.95-20.80 Selected styles. Selected items online P72120



BALI

40-50% off Oh Baby! by Motherhood maternity apparel. orig. \$16-\$52 sale 9.80-\$12.00 Selected styles. Selected items online W2300

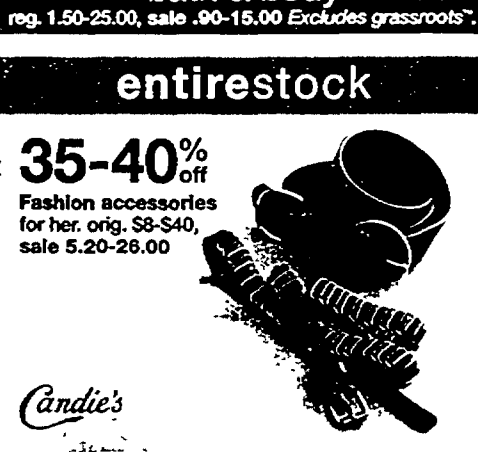
40-50% off apt. 9* sportswear for misses & women. orig. \$20-\$30 sale 9.99-29.99 Selected styles.



access

40% off entire stock panties and innerwear from Mudd*, L.L.* SO., SL Eve* & Candie's*. reg. \$15 to \$21 ea. sale 3/9.00 to 12.80 ea. Excludes bra coordinators.

40% off entire stock bath & body reg. 1.50-25.00, sale .90-15.00 Excludes grassroots*



Candie's

40-50% off activewear for misses from N.Y.L.* Gloria Vanderbilt*, Fit It* and daisy fuentes* sport. orig. \$20-\$42 sale 10.00-25.20 Selected styles.

40-50% off petites' sportswear from apt. 9*, Sonoma, daisy fuentes* & more. orig. \$12-\$54 sale 7.20-\$24.40 Selected styles.



SONOMA

19.99 entire stock Urban Pipeline™ jeans & cargo pants for young men. orig. 29.99-39.99

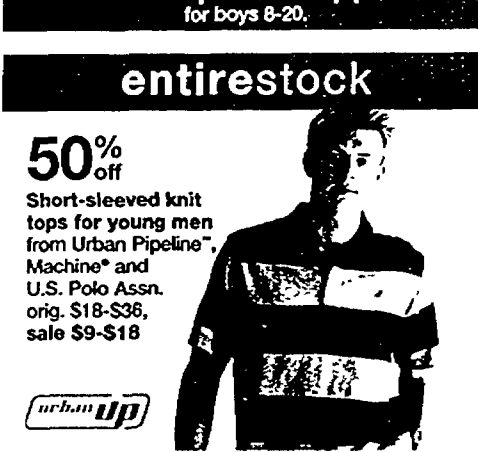
50% off entire stock NCAA athletic tees for men. orig. \$18-\$22, sale \$9-\$11 Excludes Nike*



UNIONBAY

50% off entire stock loungepants for boys 4-20.

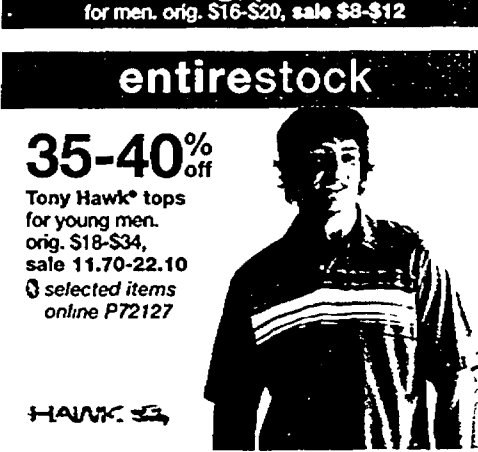
50% off entire stock Urban Pipeline™ apparel for boys 8-20.



urban pipeline

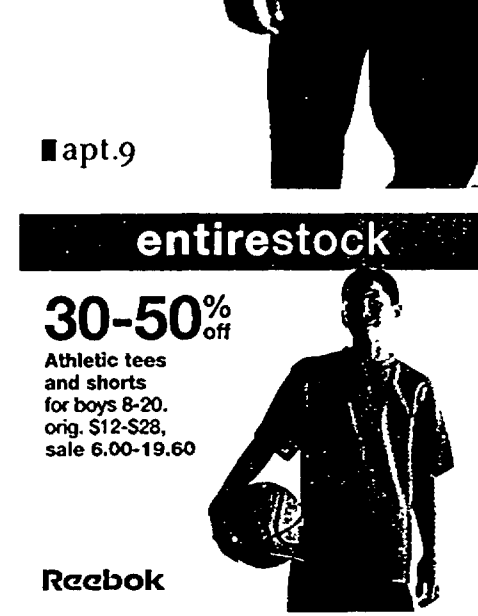
50% off entire stock boxers for men. orig. \$12, sale 6.00

40-50% off entire stock loungepants for men. orig. \$16-\$20, sale \$8-\$12



TONY HAWK

40-50% off suit separates for men from apt. 9*, Chaps and access. orig. \$55-\$220 sale 32.50-124.99 Selected items online P72126



apt. 9

entire stock

30-50% off

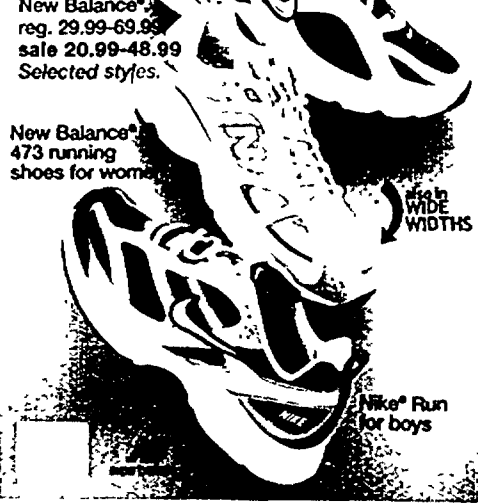
Fashion Jewelry orig. \$6-\$26 sale 4.02-18.20 Excludes Napier* and 1928*



Candie's

save on all shoes & sandals for the family Selected items online: SHOES

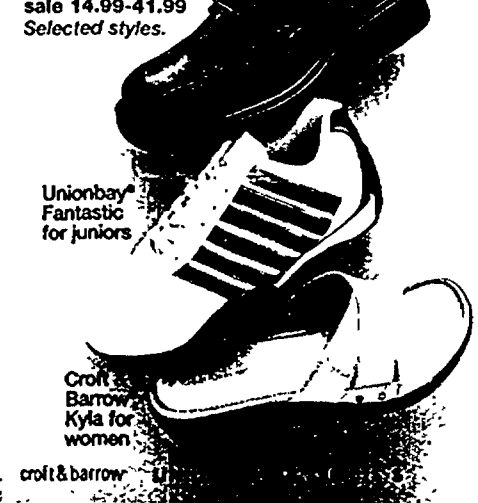
30% off Shoes for the family from Nike* and New Balance*. reg. 29.99-69.99 sale 20.99-48.99 Selected styles.



New Balance® 473 running shoes for women

Nike® Run for boys

40-50% off Shoes and sandals for the family. orig. 24.99-69.99 sale 14.99-41.99 Selected styles.



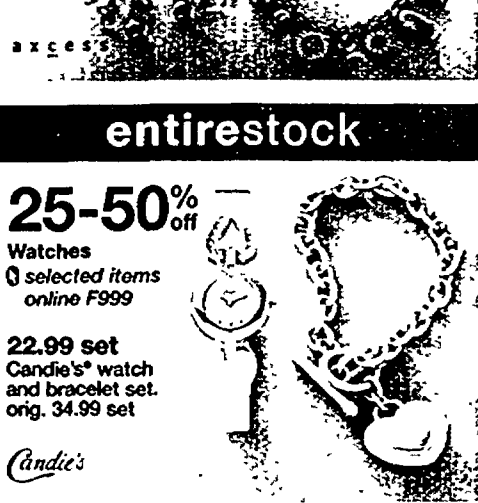
Unionbay® Fantastic for juniors

Croft & Barrow® Kyla for women

entire stock

25-50% off

Watches Selected items online F999

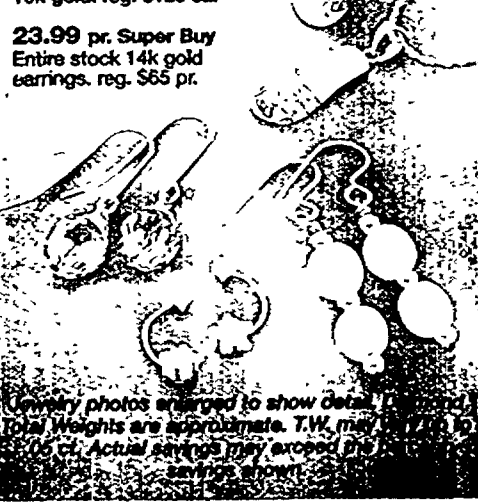


Candie's

entire stock

60% off

Fine Jewelry shop online F999



44.99 ea. Super Buy Entire stock diamond accent pendants. 10k gold. reg. \$125 ea. 23.99 pr. Super Buy Entire stock 14k gold earrings. reg. \$65 pr.

entire stock

27.99

Levi's® 505® Regular Fit, 517® Boot Cut, 550® Relaxed Fit, 558® Relaxed Straight Fit and 560® Comfort Fit jeans for men.



Levi's®

entire stock

40-50% off

Woven tops for young men from Dickies*, Urban Pipeline* and Rare Vintage*. orig. \$34-\$42 sale 20.40-25.20 Selected items online P72128



DICKIES

entire stock

25-50% off

Athletic apparel for men. orig. \$16-\$40 sale 9.99-30.00



RUSSELL ATHLETIC

entire stock

50% off

Apparel for boys 8-20 from Unionbay*, A.P.C.O.*, XTreme Gear* and World Industries. orig. \$22-\$36 sale \$11-\$18



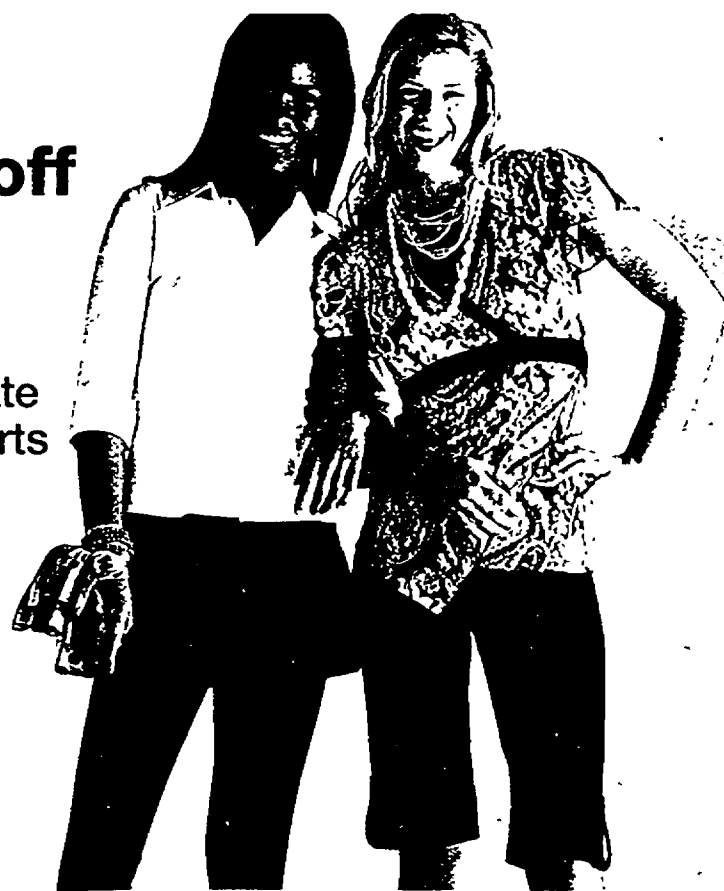
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gold star clearance save 70%

and more on original prices when you take an additional 50% off our already-reduced yellow ticket clearance prices. Final prices given at register. Clearance prices represent savings off original prices. Selection varies by store. Interim markdowns may have been taken. Sorry, no price adjustments given on prior purchases. Selected items online: clearance

35-50% off
entire stock
collections
and separate
pants & skirts

for juniors, orig. \$18-\$58,
sale 7.99-37.70
selected items
online P72179



SUPER SATURDAY

ALL-DAY SAVINGS SATURDAY, JULY 22

entirestock

40-50% off

Sweaters
for juniors,
orig. \$24-\$40,
sale 14.40-
21.60



entirestock

40% off

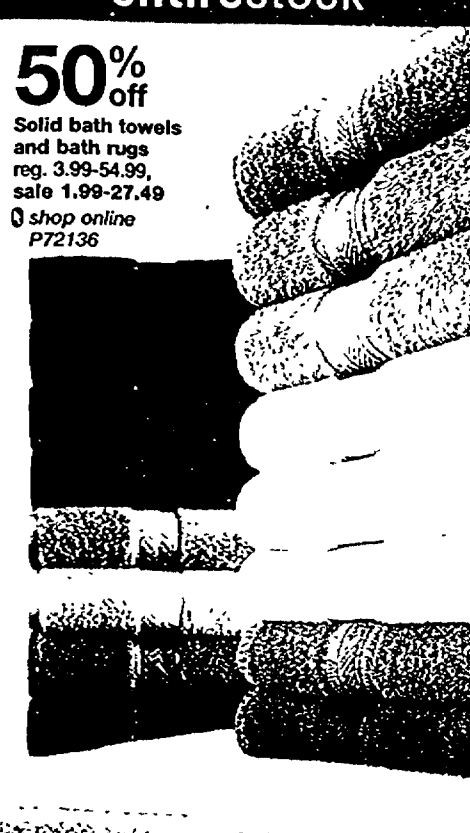
SO... activewear
for juniors,
orig. \$14-\$26,
sale 8.40-15.60



entirestock

50% off

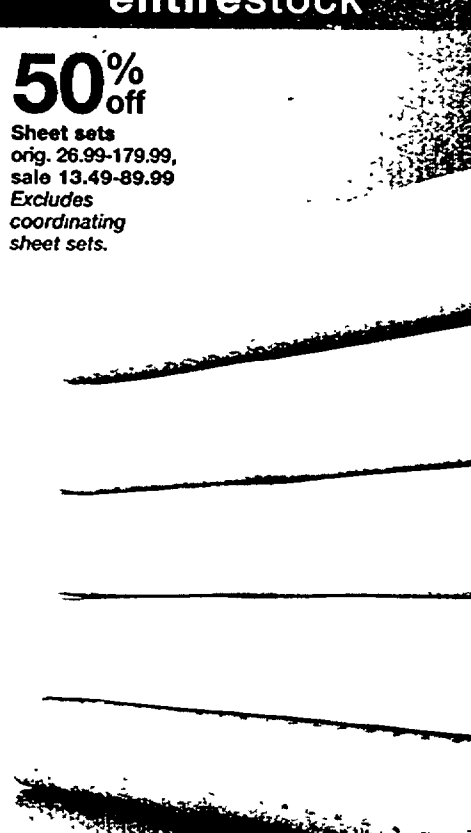
Solid bath towels
and bath rugs
reg. 3.99-54.99,
sale 1.99-27.49
selected items
online P72136



entirestock

50% off

Sheet sets
orig. 26.99-179.99,
sale 13.49-89.99
Excludes
coordinating
sheet sets.



50-60% off
entire stock
luggage

orig. 49.99-379.99,
sale 24.99-189.99
shop online H1740



40-50% off
entire stock
woven tops

for juniors, orig. \$20-\$40, sale \$12-\$20

40-50% off
entire stock
tees and polos

for juniors, orig. \$10-\$24, sale 6.00-14.40

40-50% off
entire stock
tank tops

for juniors, orig. \$12-\$24, sale 6.00-14.40

40% off
entire stock
SO... fashion jeans
& casual pants

for juniors, orig. \$38, sale 22.50

entirestock

24.99

5-pkt. jeans
for juniors
from Angels,
GLO*, Lei.* &
Paris Blues*,
reg. 29.99
selected items
online P72130



entirestock

40-50% off

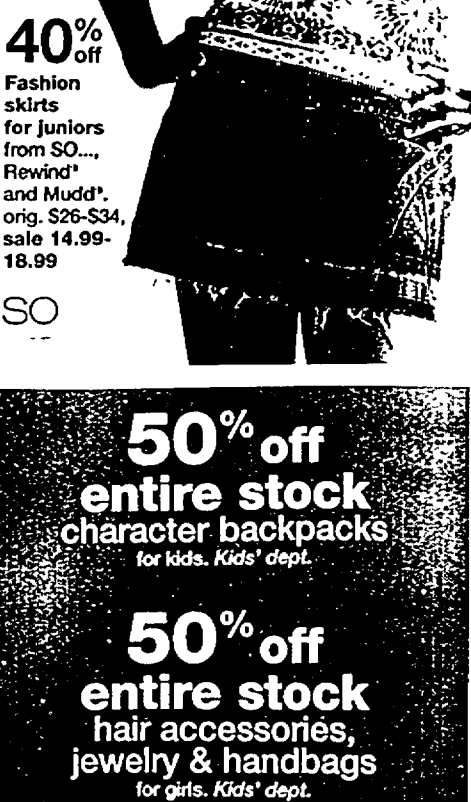
SO... capris
and gauchos
for juniors,
orig. \$28,
sale 12.99-
14.99



entirestock

40% off

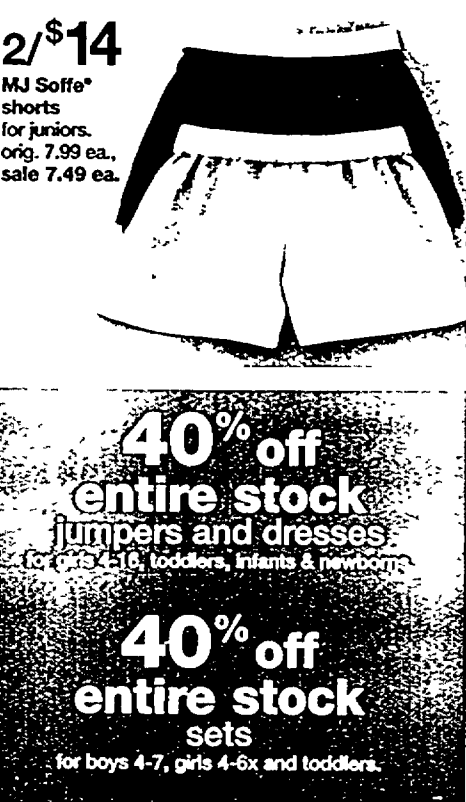
Fashion
skirts
for juniors
from SO...
Rewind*
and Mudd*,
orig. \$26-\$34,
sale 14.99-
18.99



entirestock

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MJ Solfero*
shorts
for juniors,
orig. 7.99 ea.,
sale 7.49 ea.



entirestock

40-50% off

Bath coordinates,
shower curtains &
bath accessories
reg. 3.99-59.99,
sale 2.39-35.99
selected items
online P72134



entirestock

50-60% off

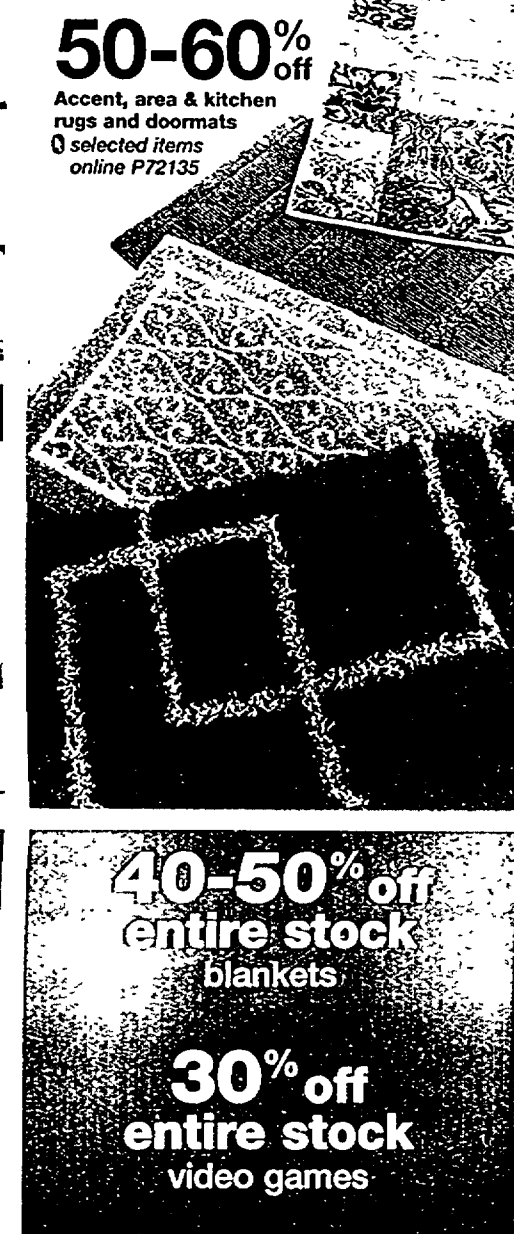
Bed pillows and
mattress pads
reg. 9.99-239.99,
sale 4.99-119.99
selected items
online P72137



entirestock

50-60% off

Accent, area & kitchen
rugs and doormats
selected items
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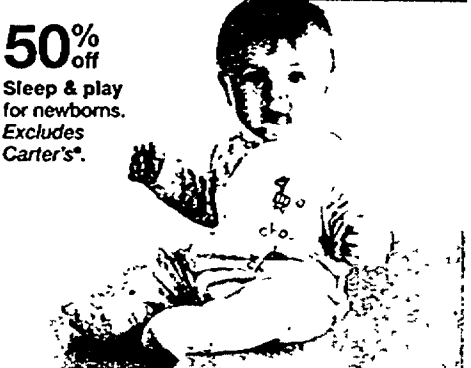
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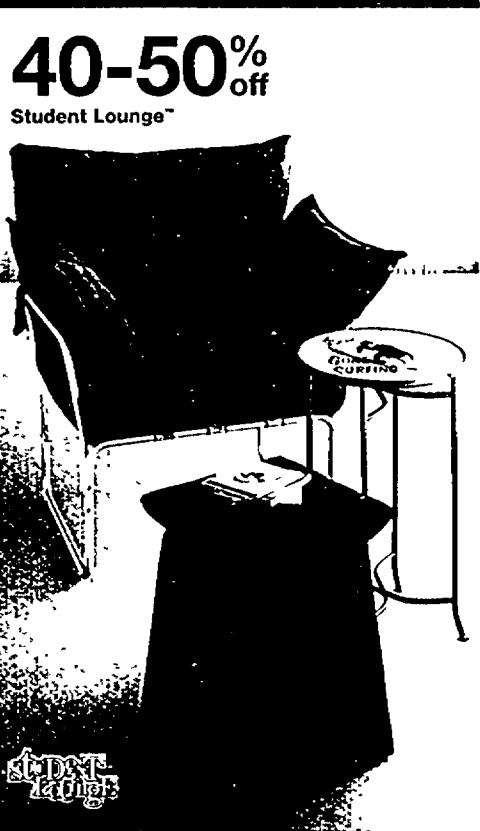
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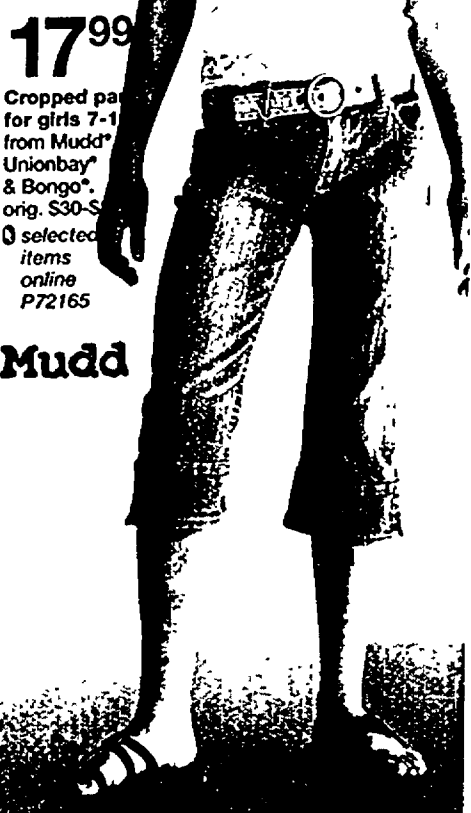
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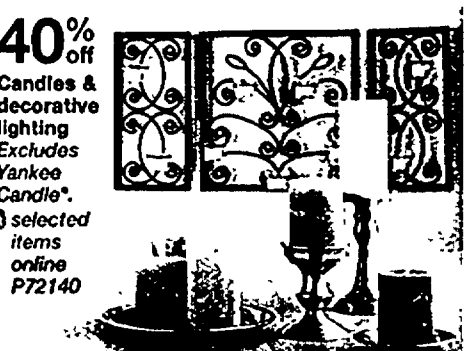
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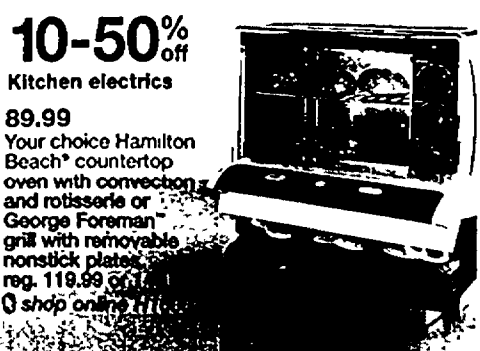
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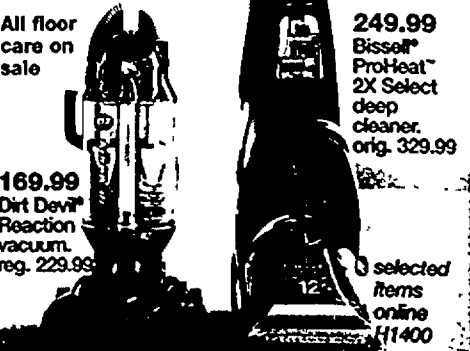
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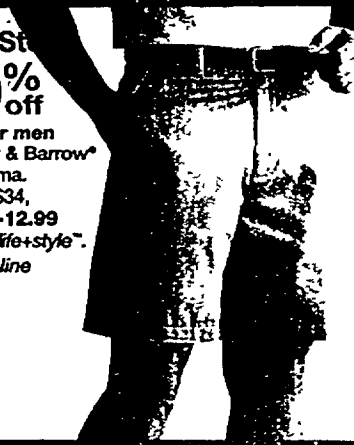
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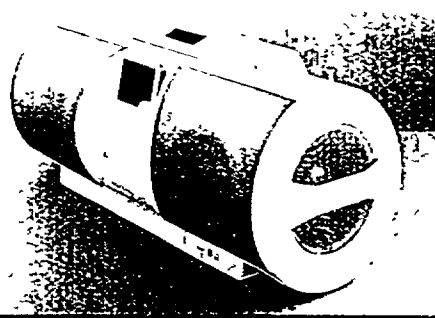
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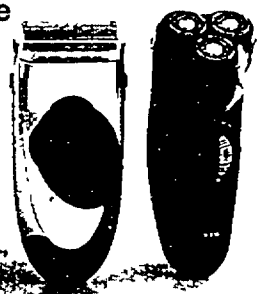
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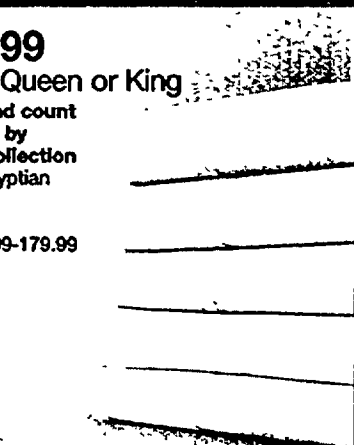
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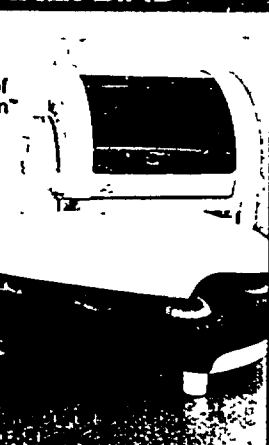
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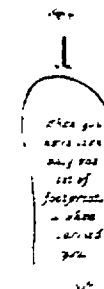
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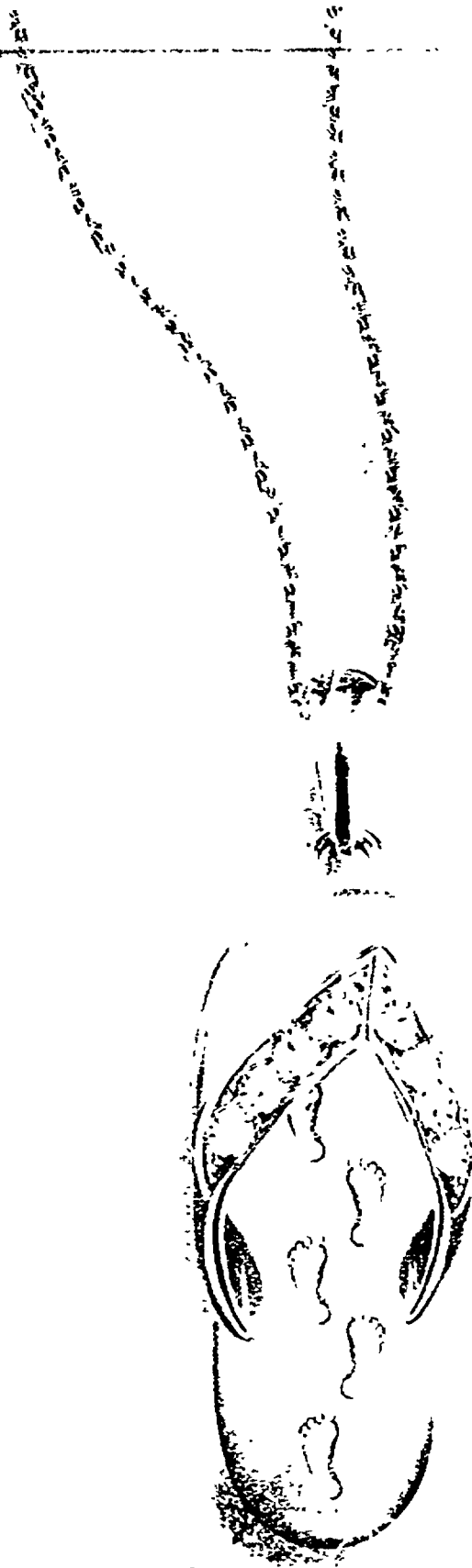


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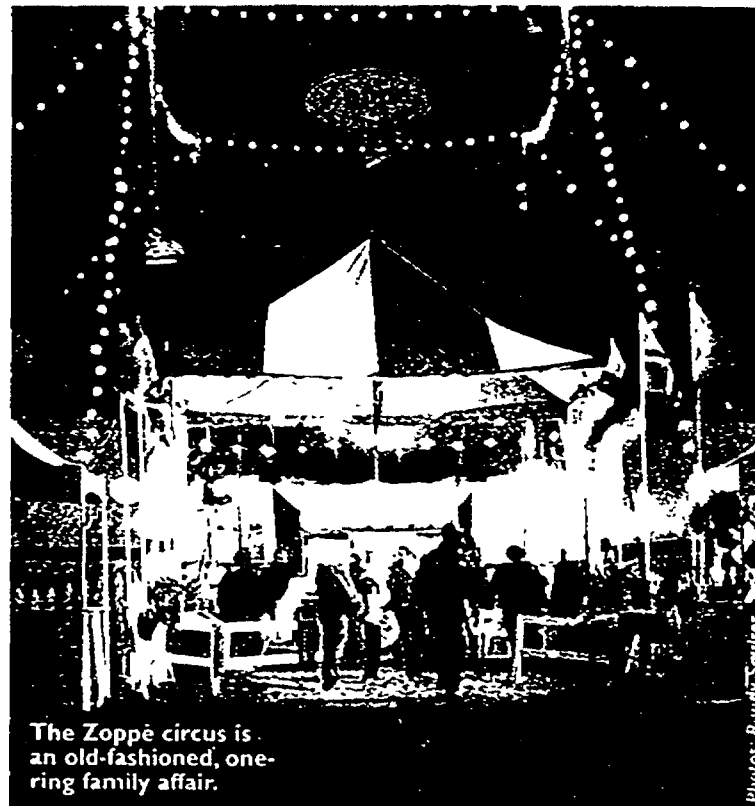


Giovanni Zoppè

In 1948, Alberto Zoppè left his native Italy for America, bringing with him a family-circus tradition that dates to 1842. Today his son, Giovanni, 39, is the driving force behind the Zoppè Family Circus, one of the last old-fashioned, family-run, one-ring circuses left touring the United States.

"Everything is spinning so fast today, we want the audience to forget about everything and just step back in time with us," says Giovanni, the circus' producer and head clown.

The Zoppè circus is unapologetically authentic, from its intimate 500-seat tent with wood-plank bleachers to a performance that includes small-animal acts, trapeze acrobatics and the kind of grand-gesture, silent comedy perfected by Charlie Chaplin.



The Zoppè circus is an old-fashioned, one-ring family affair.

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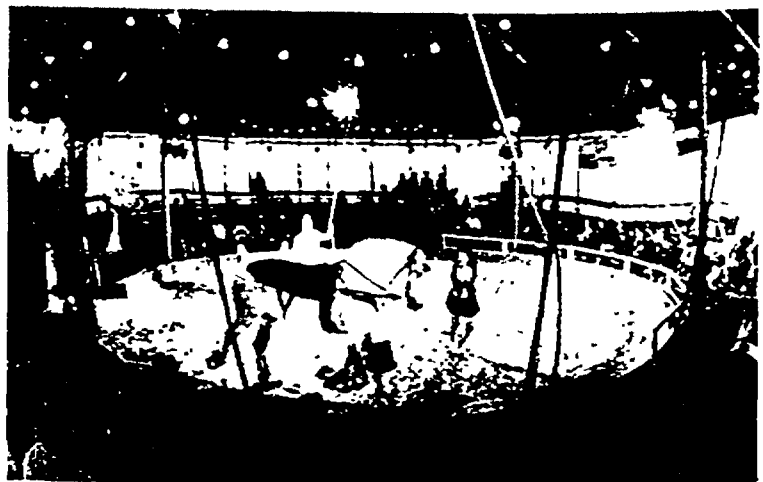
A typical show features 15 to 25 performers, all of them family and friends. In addition to Giovanni (who plays Nino the Clown), his mother Sandra, and father, now 85 and recovering from a stroke, the regulars include sister Tosca, an equestrian; Tosca's husband, Jay Walther, the ringmaster; sister Carla, a dog trainer; and Carla's husband, Rudolf Heinen, a former lion tamer who now performs with canines. The traveling entertainers also include cousins who specialize in juggling fire and a group of collectors from a non-Zoppè circus performers that Giovanni lovingly dubbed "the Prez Troupe" because "they're like Italian, just like the sauce."

Related by blood or not, they're all members of the Zoppè family, says Giovanni. "When circus performers believe in the true artistry of what we're trying to do, the ties are as thick as blood, if not thicker," he says.

Went a ways together, a ways cranking on one another," says Tosca, who even found love on the road. She met her husband, Jay, who came from a circus background, during a performance in New Jersey. "I went on the road with them for what I thought would be just a year. What she said.

Ten years later, it's still pro forma. Keeping a circus on the road is challenging, even for someone as weatherably exuberant as Giovanni. Unlike most big-budget circuses, the Zoppés act as their own crew, pounding in the stakes and raising the large tent themselves. "When you're performing in the ring, you know you've basically set up the surroundings, it's a whole new level of satisfaction," Giovanni says.

The set-up is performed quickly, but with great care, and sometimes it's only a few moments before the Zoppés don costumes to greet their members as they enter the tent.



Equestrian Tosca Zoppè, Giovanni's sister, is married to the ringmaster.

As the show's booking agent, Giovanni also logs more than 6,000 cell-phone minutes each month to fill the troupe's May-through-September season. When he hits the road from the family's home base in Greenbrier, Ark. (pop. 3,042), his caravan comprises seven classic-model trucks and trailers that last year racked up \$22,000 in fuel bills in just three months.

Keeping an eye on the bottom line doesn't quite seem to fit a performer whose signature bit is balancing a broom atop a fake red nose. "Nino the Clown comes naturally to me," Giovanni says with a smile. "The businessman, Giovanni Zoppe, that's difficult to do."

During the early years of the circus, when he struggled to book more than a few weeks of work for the season, Giovanni turned down offers from managers and promoters whose bottom lines didn't connect with his old-fashioned, family-first approach.

Today, it's about making more money, he says. "I don't think about that. I want to know how I'm going to make that kid in the front row smile. That's what keeps me going."

The Zoppes are on firmer footing these days, having booked more than 15 weeks on the road last summer with an eye for 20 weeks this year. But more importantly, the show's themes of family, togetherness and history continue to resonate with parents and children alike.

People don't see our show," Giovanni says. "They just love it."

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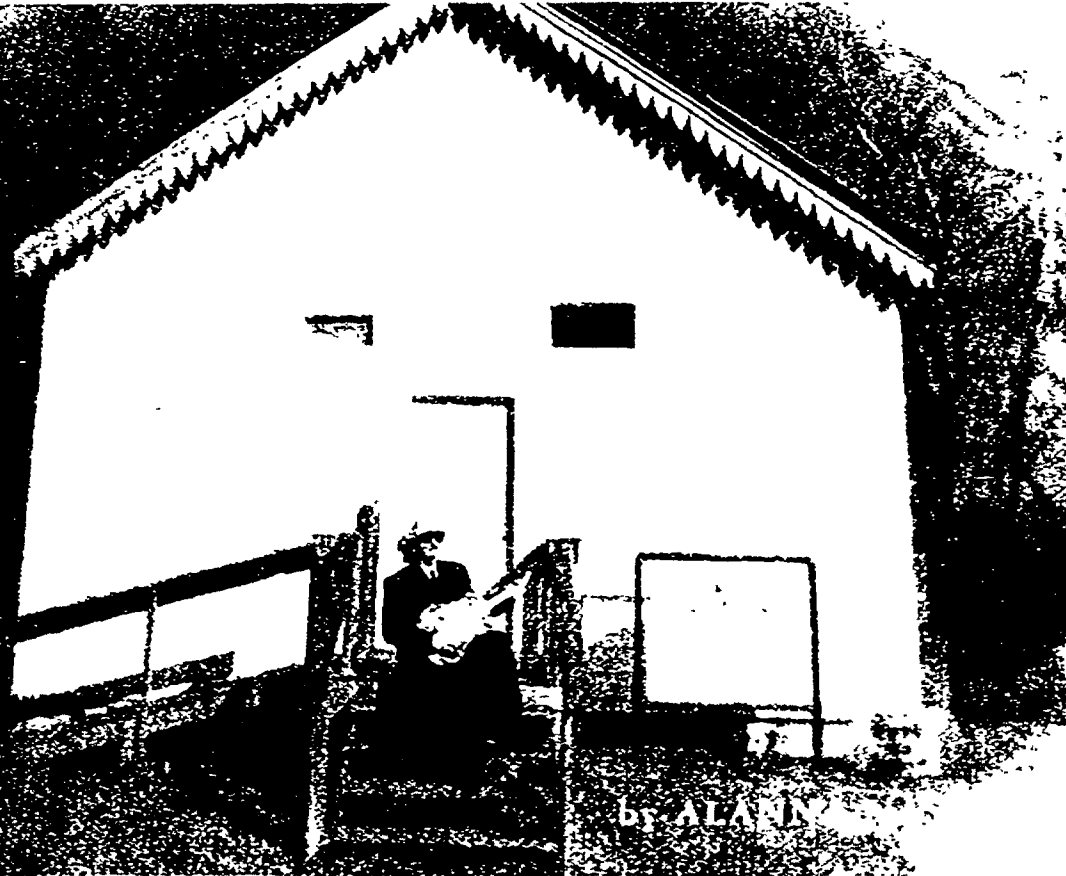
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Alan Jackson's new CD brings him full-circle to his roots in church.



As a child growing up in Newnan, Ga. (pop. 16,242), Alan Jackson sat through Sunday school class like most young boys, doodling on pieces of paper and biding his time until it was over, terrified of being called on to recite a prayer or read from the Bible.

Yet when the church worship service got underway, the singing and the sound of the big pipe organ filled the local First Baptist Church, and young Jackson was captivated.

It was just so powerful, says Jackson, 27. "It stuck with me. Those old songs are definitely part of what I am spiritually and musically."

Just how much so is evident in his new gospel album, *Prize My Soul*, a collection of 15 classic hymns that Jackson and his wife, Denise, who sang

together in a church choir in Georgia, culled from 80 or so of their favorites in a Baptist hymnal. The album has been a

phenomenal success. It's the only gospel recording ever to debut at No. 1 on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart. Jackson also is the first country performer to debut an album of all spiritual material at No. 1 on the Top Country Albums and Top Christian & Gospel Albums charts.



Mom Ruth inspired the project.

Prize My Soul

Despite its status as a commercial rockbuster *Prize My Soul* contains a project Jackson had no intention of selling. He recorded the songs—many and true church-hymn chestnuts like "In the Garden," "Somebody's Gonna Get a Friend We Haven't Got Yet," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "The Old Rugged Cross," "Blessed Assurance"—as a Christmas present for his mother, Ruth.

"I always wanted to do an album like this, but not ever since I started recording," my mama's been saying. Now, I hope you can make a special gift for me," reads the country superstar's letter to his mother. "I just didn't know—but she kept mentioning it, and I felt guilty."

The breakthrough came last year. Jackson's new era draw also is a fair of old-time gospel music. When Denise's father died, Jackson sang "Forty Yards Eyes Upon Jesus" at his funeral.

After that, "Everybody started going on about it and beating me up even more about doing the album. So I thought I'd just go ahead and do it for my mama and a year or so for Christmas."

Throughout the CD, Jackson delivers the classic traditional hymns in the natural, heartfelt manner he remembered from church as a child, though attempts to incorporate the beloved sound of the old church pipe organ proved logistically insurmountable. He and producer Keith Stegall created a stripped-down, no-frills album with mostly guitar and piano. Jackson shot the album photos himself. For the p-

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Alan Jackson honors his mother with gospel songs

tures in which he appears, he set up the camera, struck a pose, and had his bus driver click the shutter.

An emotional journey

At first, the Jacksons thought they'd press about 50 copies of the album for friends and family, then considered increasing to several hundred copies in case some members of his fan club wanted it. Joe Galante, head of Sony BMG Records, the umbrella for Jackson's own ACR label, asked to hear the album and took it to California with him on Christmas break.

I was out running an errand, and I popped it in the rental car, and I went down Highway 101 just blasting this gospel CD. Galante recalls. I loved it! I thought it was just such an emotional journey.

When he got back home to Nashville, Tenn., Galante convinces Jackson to let him release the album commercially. On the surface, such a project might have seemed a risky move, since not many mainstream country superstars record gospel records anymore, at least not while they're at the height of their careers. As someone who had seen Elvis Presley, Ronnie Milsap and Charley Pride record gospel albums in years past, Galante felt the current dearth of such projects suggested "we had lost part of our roots." He also saw the gospel CD as completing Jackson's modestly earned reputation as a star who, despite awards and riches, stays true to himself and keeps close to his common-man roots.

The surprising success of *Peace: My Way* makes an impressive statement about the public's hunger for faith-based music, particularly since the album attained its commercial peak with no national airplay.

At least one radio program in 17 states' broadcasters cited in their decisions not to play it. "People now more than ever feel comfortable talking about their spirituality," says Stephen Gutterin, the former country program director of WYGY, a Cincinnati-based radio station.

Peace: My Way is a musical masterpiece that strikes at the heart of who we are as members of God's family, and the making public has confirmed that. We as radio programmers need to be reminded that there is always a way to promote great music within the confines of whatever national station.

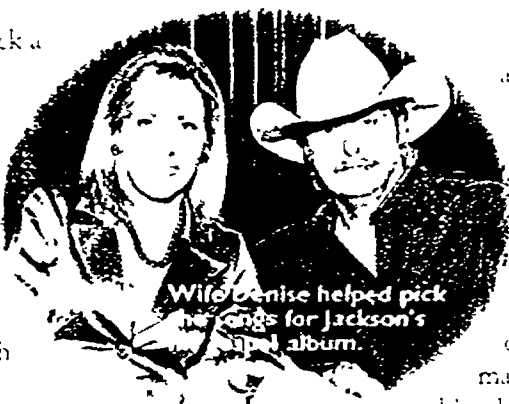
His songs are the talking

As with the other top-selling pop albums of his 90s decade, *Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning?* is a private person who reveals more about himself in his songs than in his interviews, is a little embarrassed by all the attention.

He's always thought that it should be about the music, says his manager Nancy Russell. He doesn't feel that it's appropriate to talk about himself, and probably doesn't understand why fans want to know more about him. He just doesn't understand or popular himself. He makes his own statements in his own way. You can see it in everything he does.

With more than 50 million albums sold, the 51-year-old, Grammy-winning superstar makes things up for his next albums. Due out this summer is a live CD with fishing and outdoor buddies George Strait and Jimmy Buffett, which was recorded in concert at Texas Stadium in Dallas in 2003. And this fall will bring a new studio album produced by Andy Kniss, who approached Jackson about the deal last November when they played New York's Carnegie Hall as part of a special *Country Christmas* appearance. The two first-class stars, who sang a duet for Jackson's Christmas album, they sang a duet for Jackson's Christmas album.

The new CD will exactly be a cut-throat album, at least three new songs he and Kniss have written. He has a feature at the end, bringing out Jackson's nation, deeper times. There's a sadness to his voice, Galante says. Very warm, and beautiful, is the way Russell describes the voice. The rockers of the 1970s, the parties, what they were before.



Wife Denise helped pick the songs for Jackson's gospel album.

No matter how the new projects turn out, *Peace: My Way* will always be special to the Jackson family, with today worships in a laid-back kind of church. You can wear shorts or a suit, Jackson says, not far from their home in Nashville. Jackson remembers his wife and daughters, Mattie and Ari, were nervous about singing on the album, but now they're just excited to death with it. But Jackson's mother is the proudest of all.

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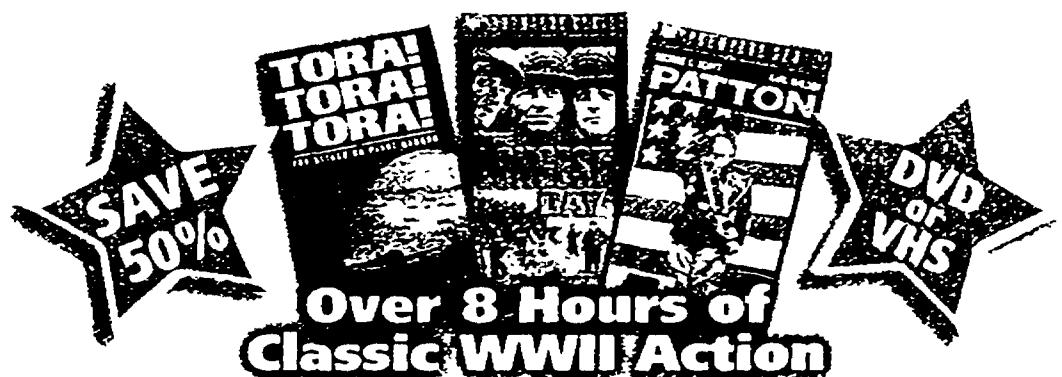
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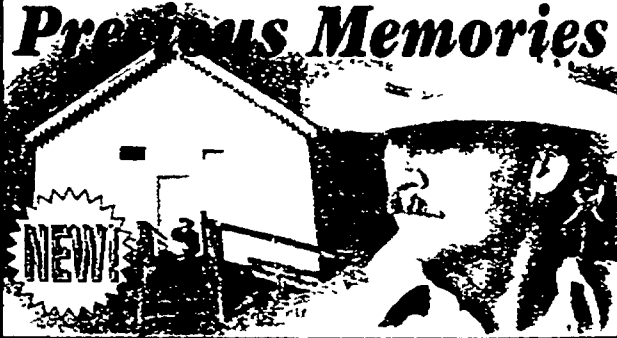
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A Town for Twins

Antoinette and Josephine Wollenschlaeger sit under a large tent in Twinsburg, Ohio (pop. 17,006), anxiously awaiting the results of the Oldest Set of Twins Contest during the town's annual Twins Days Festival. At 80, the twin sisters, who call themselves 'the babes from Buffalo' (N.Y.), settle for second place to a pair of 98-year-olds. Still, the Wollenschlaegers are all smiles as they look around town.

"You feel like a freak all your life because everybody looks at you, and then you see all these twins, and it's like a dream," Antoinette says.



Participants in the Oldest Set of Twins Contest anxiously await the winning results.

The annual festival is a dream come true for 5,000 sets of twins and multiples from around the world who come to Twinsburg each August to celebrate their unique sibling bonds. In fact, the town was named in 1819 in honor of identical twins Moses and Aaron Wilcox, early settlers who donated money and land for a local school and town square. Even today, it's estimated that at least one member of 80 sets of twins reside in Twinsburg.

The festival began in 1976 as a simple celebration of America's Bicentennial and blossomed into the world's largest gathering of twins, as touted by the *Guinness Book of Records* in 1987. But nobody in town could have predicted a festival, which attracted 57 sets of twins, would grow into the annual event that draws 60,000 attendees. "If you live in Twinsburg, this is the best time of year," says Andy Miller, 68, the festival's director.



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The annual Twins Days Festival is the world's largest gathering of twins.

About 500 volunteers make the festival possible. Many are members of church and school groups which use the event to raise funds. Others, like Miller, are simply passionate about the celebration of twins. Miller and his wife have a son-and-daughter set of twins who are both on the Twins Days Committee. In addition, their daughter-in-law is a twin, and Miller's cousin is a twin as well.

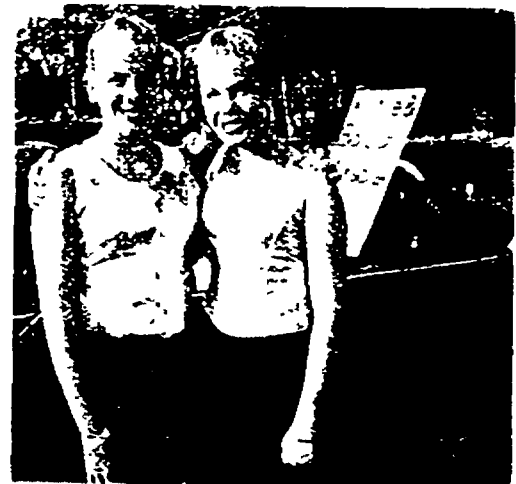
Twins Verna and Viola Mueller, 72, of Lancaster, Pa., are 12-year veterans of the festival. "It's different here," Viola says of Twinsburg. "There are not as many states. It's not like being the only one."

The Double-Face Parade takes place Saturday morning, featuring marching twins and multiples, floats, bands, clowns, bagpipes, cheerleaders, and antique cars and fire engines. Chairs line the parade route long before the first marcher hits the pavement.

When the parade ends, the festival continues at Glen Chamberlain Park, complete with carnival rides, a food court, arts & crafts, live music and booths selling items bearing clever twin sayings and logos.

Twins Katie and Barbara Marschik, 12, of Greensburg, Pa., perform a tap dance routine together during the festival's talent show. They've been coming to Twinsburg since the year they were born. "The best is seeing how everybody dresses and how similar people are," Katie says, dressed in a black-and-silver dance costume like her sisters.

Most attendees come for the festivities, the entertainment and, of course, to see the numerous look-alikes in their identical clothes. Twinsburg resident Bob Burke, who enjoys the annual event with family and friends, says, "We actually feel old because we are not twins."

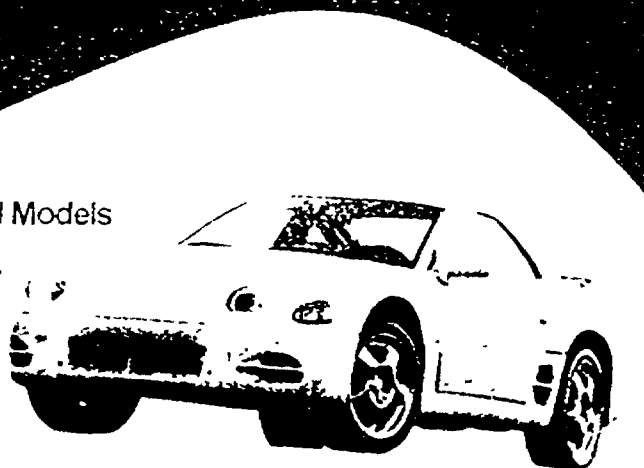


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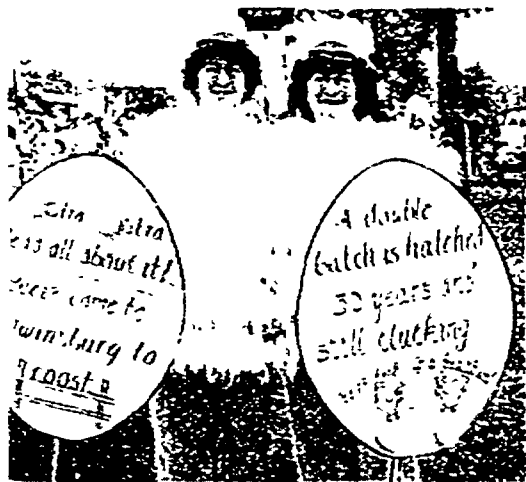


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Twins take to the streets of Twinsburg, Ohio, during the festival's Double-Take Parade.



Marcy Jervis and Darcy Thompson hatch an idea to wear chicken costumes in the parade.

What's amazing is that Twinsburg residents don't seem to mind that the festival turns their town upside down for a weekend. Larry and Sharon Hurd have lived in town for 30 years, including 15 years along the parade route. "It's like a family reunion for us every year," says Larry, sitting in his front yard. "I drive a truck all over the country, and everywhere I go, people have heard about this festival."

For more information, visit www.twinsdays.org

This year's Twins Days Festival is scheduled Aug. 4-6. Visit www.twinsdays.org or call (330) 425-3652 for more information.

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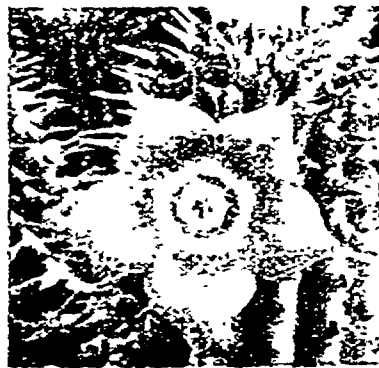
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INDIANA—Patoka Lake, near Birdseye (pop. 465), supports a healthy population of harmless freshwater jellyfish, each about the size of a quarter. They are an indicator of a pure and clean ecosystem in the 8,800-acre reservoir.

IOWA—Plenty of monkey business takes place at Fox River Mills in Osage (pop. 3,451), where the company manufactures the classic Rockford Red Heel work socks. Buyers have stitched the socks into red-tipped monkey tails since the early 1900s. The socks originally were made in Rockford, Ill., by Neison Knitting Mills.

KANSAS—When his wife, Sarah, died in 1930, John Davis of Hiawatha (pop. 3,417) commissioned an elaborate tomb at Mount Hope Cemetery with 11 detailed, life-size marble and granite statues depicting both partners at various stages of marriage. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the gravesite is a top tourist attraction for the town.

MICHIGAN—Preston Tucker, who in the 1940s took on the Big Three automakers by launching the Tucker automobile, was born in 1903 in Capac (pop. 1,775). The innovative Tucker automobile boasted disc brakes, a pop-out safety windshield and padded dashboard.

MINNESOTA—Since the late 1800s, guests and their fishing poles have arrived at the state's oldest resort, Lutsen Resort and Sea Villas on Lake Superior in Lutsen (pop. 360). The showplace of the resort is a Swedish-style main lodge.

MISSOURI—Laura Hawkins Frazer, the inspiration for Becky Thatcher in Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, is buried in Big Creek Cemetery in Rensselaer (pop. 145). She and Samuel Clemens (Twain's real name) were childhood sweethearts in Hannibal (pop. 17,757).

NEBRASKA—Author Mari Sandoz captured the lives of rugged pioneers, their speech and culture in her nonfiction works, including *Old Times*, a biography of her father, *Crazy Horse* and *The Big Sky Hunter*. Sandoz was born in 1896 near Hay Springs (pop. 652).

NORTH DAKOTA—Much of the wildly rugged and picturesque Badlands scenery of the nearly 6,000-acre Little Missouri State Park near Killdeer (pop. 713) is accessible only on horseback or foot. More than 25 miles of trails crisscross the park.

OHIO—Martha Finley, creator of the Elsie Dinsmore series of children's books, was born in 1828 in Chillicothe (pop. 21,796). Finley's tales of the pious Elsie struck a chord with young readers and were popular through 27 sequels.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Since 1959, the religious drama *Black Hills Passion Play* has been presented under the stars at the Spearfish Amphitheater, among the world's largest outdoor stages with seating for 6,000, in Spearfish (pop. 8,606).

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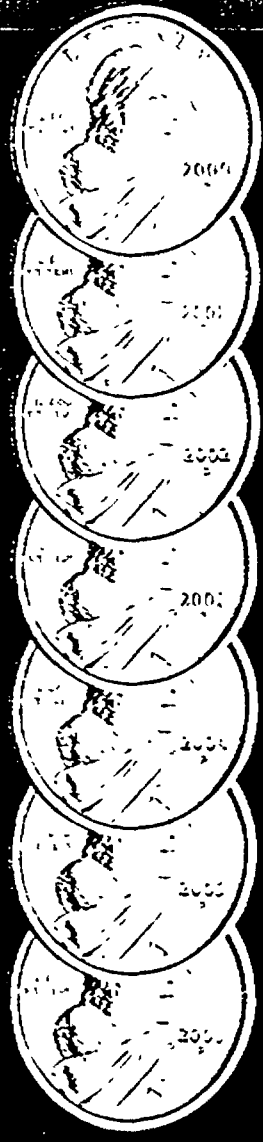
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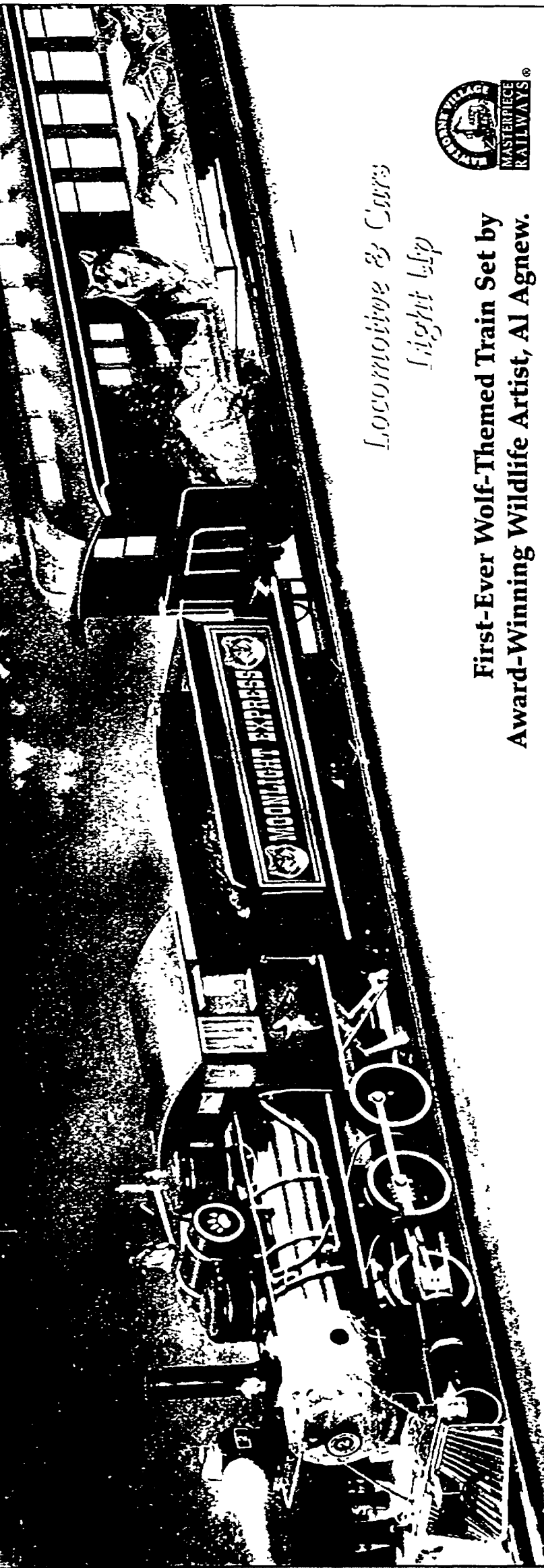
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This menu, perfect for long summer nights on the deck, is full of bright, zesty flavors that rely on the season's plentiful herbs, fruit and vegetables. The recipes are easy to prepare and very flexible. Grill the chicken or bake it in the oven. Serve it hot or cold. Serve it with rice or potatoes. Eat it with a fork or your fingers. Relish the possibilities.



Onion and Beet Salad

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Vidalia's Onion and Beet Salad

This recipe is courtesy of Vidalia, a restaurant in Washington, D.C., run by Chef Jeffrey Rubin and his wife Sallie. Any kind of beets can be used.

- 2 small bunches golden beets
- 2 small bunches red beets
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 thin slices of baguette, toasted
- 3 ounces of herbed goat cheese
- 4 cups thinly sliced romaine lettuce
- 1 Vidalia onion, thinly sliced

1. Put beets into two separate saucepans (to retain colors). Cover with water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes or until tender. Rinse beets separately under cold running water. Rub off skins with an old kitchen towel or paper towels. Cut beets into quarters.

2. Whisk together honey, vinegar and thyme in a small bowl. Slowly whisk in olive oil, salt and pepper until vinaigrette emulsifies. Combine beets and 1/4 cup vinaigrette.

3. Spread each baguette slice with goat cheese and broil until brown on the top. Combine lettuce, beets, onions and 1/3 cup vinaigrette; toss well. Serve with goat cheese crostini. You'll have leftover vinaigrette. Serves 4.



Lemon-Herb Chicken with Yogurt Dill Sauce

Yogurt Dill Sauce:

- 1 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- 1/2 cup light sour cream
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Chicken:

- 1 cup chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- Grated zest and juice from 1 lemon
- 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken breast halves (about 2 1/2 pounds)
- 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs (about 2 pounds)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1. To prepare sauce, combine yogurt, sour cream, garlic, dill, lemon juice and salt. Set aside.

2. Preheat oven to 400F or heat grill to medium-high.

3. To prepare chicken, combine basil, mint, dill, oil, garlic, lemon zest and juice in a large bowl. Add chicken; toss well to coat. Arrange chicken in a single layer on baking sheet; sprinkle with salt and pepper.

4. Roast or grill chicken breasts 30 to 40 minutes or until an instant read thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 170F. Roast or grill thighs 35 to 45 minutes or until an instant read thermometer inserted into the thickest part registers 180F. Serve immediately or at room temperature, with Yogurt Dill Sauce, lemon wedges and yellow rice. Serves 6.

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- 1/2 cup peach preserves
- 1/2 to 1 tablespoon peach liqueur, peach schnapps or peach brandy (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Topping:

- 3/4 cup oatmeal
- 2/3 cup light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 to 2 tablespoons finely minced crystallized ginger
- 1/3 cup cold butter, cut into dime-sized pieces
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup chopped almonds



1. Preheat oven to 375F. Spray an 11-by-9-inch baking dish with nonstick coating.
2. To prepare filling, combine all ingredients except cornstarch in a large bowl. Using your hands or potato masher, coarsely crush two handfuls of peaches to release juice. Combine 3 tablespoons of the juice and cornstarch; mix with fingers until combined. Stir cornstarch mixture back into the peach filling, distributing it thoroughly. Pour peach mixture into prepared dish.
4. To prepare topping, combine first seven ingredients (oatmeal through ginger). Cut in butter with a pastry blender or your hands until crumbly. Stir in vanilla and almonds.
5. Sprinkle oat mixture over peaches, distributing it evenly. Press down slightly with your hands. Bake 45 minutes or until topping is brown and fruit bubbles. Serve warm. Serves 8. ☆

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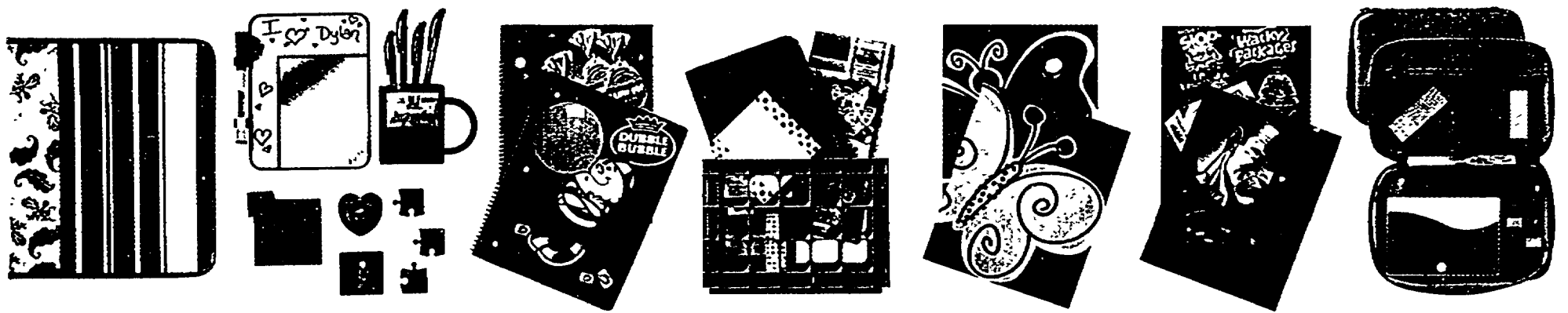
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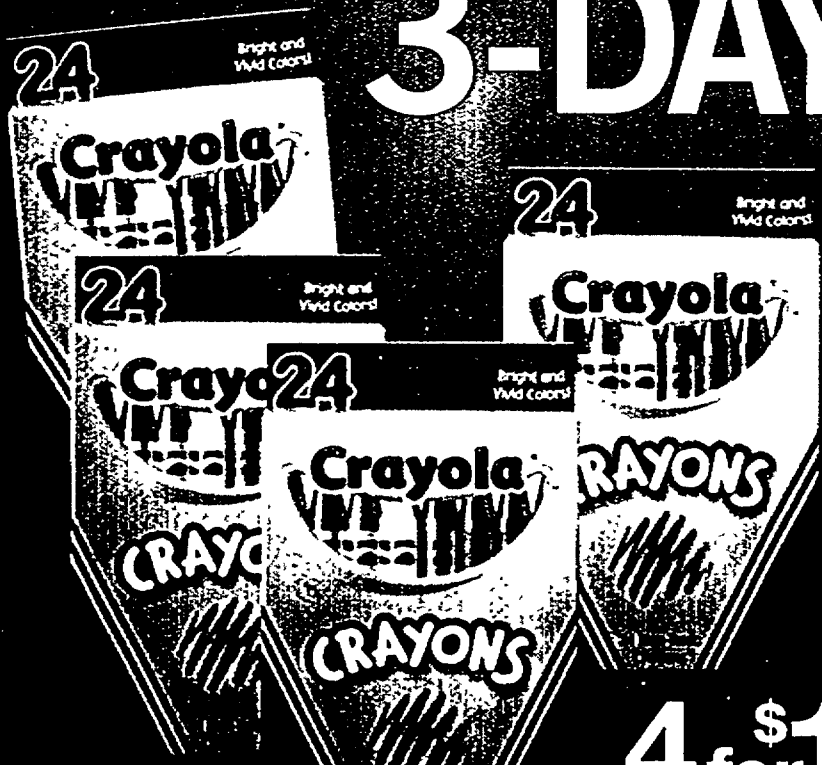
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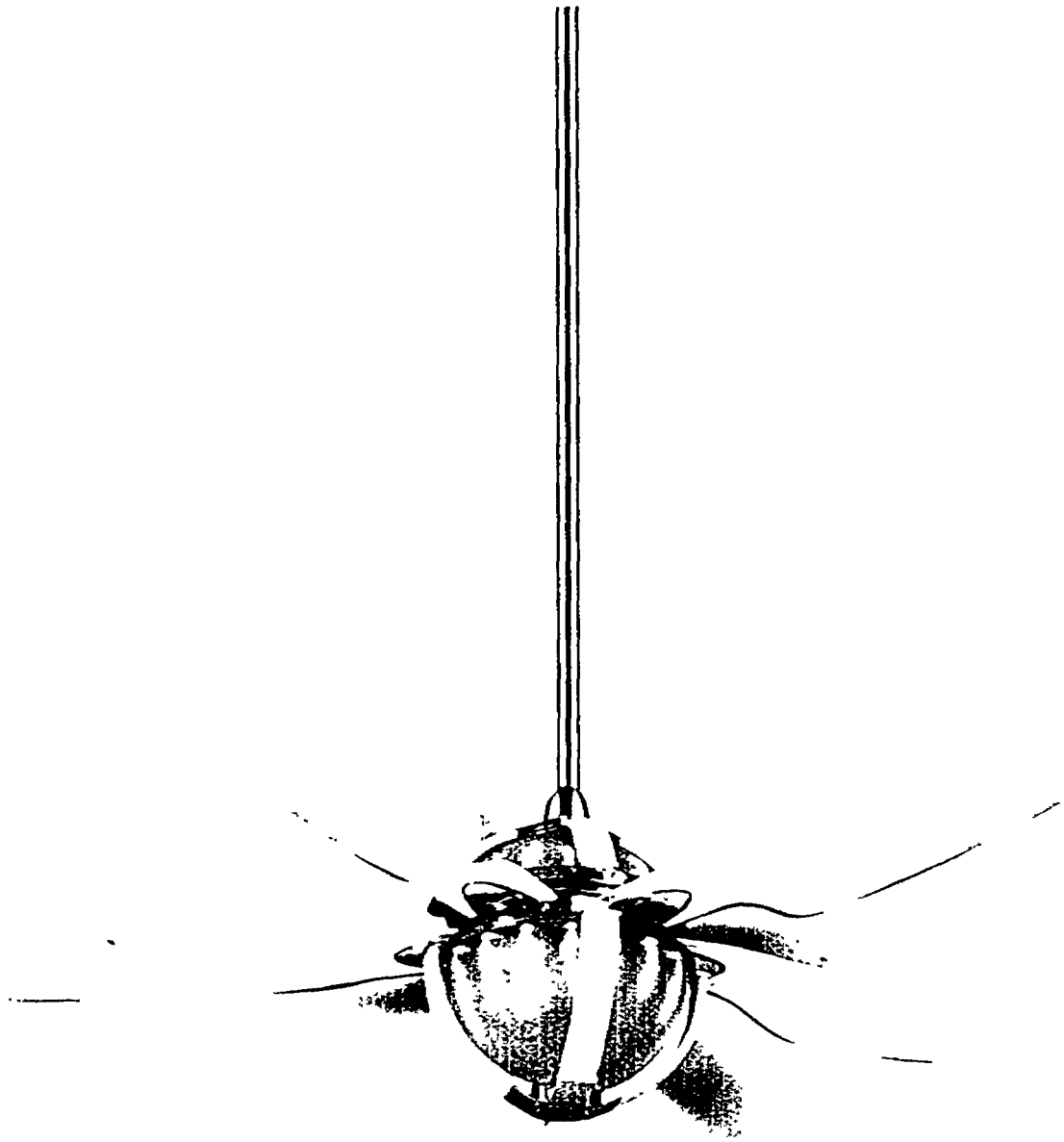


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